

The Spider Web.

Through the long night
The builder builded and the structure grew;
With skilful art from spray to spray he drew
His slender thread, while hidden from the sight,
And on an ancient pattern builded there
His castle in the air.
And still he thought
Of the new home and what should be there-
in,
Of the dear friends that he would shortly win
To dwell there, and of all that should be brought
Of beauty, to make delicate and fair
His castle in the air.
When the morn rose
His work was done; woven from stem to stem,
Lighted by chandelier of pearl and gem,
And shimmering with a thousand rainbow glows;
And then he mounted by a silver stair
His castle in the air.
When a spring breeze
Passed by, and brushed him rudely to the ground,
Just as his foot had reached the topmost round,
Snatched off his web from the syringa trees
And left the builder seeking everywhere
His castle in the air.

A BAG OF DIAMONDS.

He had screwed his courage to the sticking point. After all, what good to the old man was that bag of gems? What good except to point over, mark their twinkling facets, gloat over their value, and laugh at those who might covet them. Palsied fingers would shake as the strings of the chamois skin treasury were rapturously untied, and a moment's life and energy flash into pinched cheek and faded eye, as every evening the revelation of untold wealth woke in a withered heart its only surviving passion. But what good to the world or to the man was that brief minute of ecstasy? Was it not paid for a hundredfold by nights of fear and forebodings of robbery that made life a perpetual horror? How often had Paul heard his uncle wake from his noontide nap with a dreaming cry: "My diamonds, my diamonds, is that you Paul? I thought it was a robber."

His thoughts were to come true to-night. Paul tried to persuade himself that the treasures he had set his heart on belonged to him as much as if they had been lying in a mine, the prize of the first finder.

Then came another thought. His own poverty and his great love. His uncle's ward was as poor as himself; poor, proud and beautiful. Such flowers only grow in hard and solitary places; in the nipping air, and uncrowded even by the obtrusiveness of love. Straight, slender, full-hued as a rose, with a big soul beaming in her face and eyes, with meek, silent ways, and bearing unflinchingly the blows of an old man's brutal tongue, this girl had presented to the poet's mind the image of power, of profound passion, of untiring constancy such as had enchanted him and transformed his life.

She had been first shy to him then wistfully tender, as if she pitied him. It was in the arbor at the foot of the garden, where he was seated now, behind the hedge of clipped yew, that she had nestled close in his arms, and they had known the first moment of happiness in their deserted lives.

"We must be patient, Paul."

Patient, did she say? They had been so long enough. His plans were ripe now, and he was watching the light in his uncle's window. The old man would sleep well, he had taken care of that, to-night. If he awoke? Well, that too, was provided for. Old men are not hard to smother. The night, dark and damp, suited dark thoughts. And the sting of long oppression, the blind feeling after revenge for years of cruel slights and insults, had long engendered such thoughts. And now came a vision of an earthly heaven, the hope of a new life beyond the seas.

"Yes, I will fly with you any time you ask," the girl had said resolutely. "We shall be happy, rich or poor."

No! not poor. He would provide against that.

The lights in the windows of the mansion are gone out. Even the windows on the ground floor, which open on to the piazza, are dark. That is his uncle's room. Paul rises from his seat. The dripping jasmine spray that strikes his cheek as he leaves the little summer-house makes his heart stop for a moment. He fears even the faint crunch of his footsteps on the gravel. There is a dog baying in the distance, as if conscious that thieves are about.

He steals past the big pear tree at the corner of the piazza, and tramping in the soft mould of the flower garden, where her jonquils and tulips grow, he creeps breathlessly to the back porch. The outer door is quickly opened. He thrusts out his hand to find the knob of the house door and taking a latch-key from his vest

pocket, he opens it too. At the end of the hall is his uncle's room. The house is silent. But hark! did he hear a footfall? It must be a heavy footfall that is heard on the thick carpet and steady floor of oak. He had never before explored this old rambling dwelling in darkness. It was always to him a sad and dreary place; a place of faded hangings, old-fashioned and tasteless bric-a-brac, paintings insipid in their tarnished frames, and books that echoed the fancy and opinion of a dead generation—flavorless as yesterday's news.

He has reached his uncle's door. There he produces a dark lantern from under his cloak. Drawing up the slide for a moment he flashes the cone of light over the hall and up the staircase. It lights up for a moment oaken wainscoting, crowded hat-rack, the antlers overhead, and the statue of Cupid, pallid as a ghost, and then falls on the staircase. As it does so he snaps down the slide and all is dark again.

Yes, all is dark and quiet. There is no witness to his crime.

What would she say or think if she saw him cowering and crouching at his uncle's door? The thought of her rises like a phantom in his mind, she is all in white, yet calm, resolute and beautiful—an angel in contrast with the Inferno of his own troubled thoughts, and yet it deepens his resolution. He is the martyr seeing the martyr's crown, the soldier with the reward of his valor before his eyes. In her purity, her strength, her peace, it seems to him he would find an escape even from the torture and shame of his guilty mind. He would bathe himself in her presence as in a flood of cleansing water, a second baptism. Her smile, her trustfulness, the music of her voice would be a heaven in which he might bask and rest, and forget his fraud—yes, even his blood-guiltiness.

He turns the handle of the door quietly, gradually, and enters. A delicate scent as from the folds of silken garments strikes his senses. But he does not hear a single rustle from his uncle's bed. The old man sleeps indeed.

Then he draws up the slide of his lantern.

So violently, with such trembling agitation does he close it again, the instant after, that the whole thing falls clattering to the ground, and Paul turns and rushes through the room.

What has he seen to overcome him so?

A woman, tall and supple as a Greek, stern-eyed as Clytemnestra and twenty times as fair, with black hair and marble arms, eyes of fringed violet—how often had he doted on them! How often had he felt his heart swell with pity, with admiration, with unspeakable love, as the soft voice tremulously remonstrated with him.

"We must be patient, Paul."

And now this saint of his life, this virgin flower of women, this one who was to be the salt and savor to his sad, wounded, outraged and rebellious heart—there she stands, her right hand under the pillow of the unconscious sleeper, her left armed to strike him down, if he awakes!

Paul passed stealthily into the garden again. He went with bounds across the parterre, fiercely trampling the flowers and borders; cursing meanwhile, in his heart, with bitter rage and execration the angel, forsooth! who was thief and murderess.

Then he laughed a wild trembling laugh such as only grief that borders on frenzy finds utterance in.

That night as he sat till dawn under the moaning poplars, and over and over again repeated to his mind the hideous incidents that he half believed to be a dream, love turned to hate, as fuel to ashes, as a flower to the blood-red poison.

"It was for love of me," he murmured "for love of me—ah! that is the blow that cuts the deepest; for why? that love of hers is loathsome to me."

"That was forty years ago," said Miss Perry, and it seems only yesterday.

She looked from the gay area of the Casino at Narragansett, out over the blue, dimpling sea, where a yacht was just coming to anchor.

The wrinkled old general who directed the taste of the wealthy New York spinster in the fitting of her art gallery wiped a tear from his glass eye.

It was a telling gesture, though the tear was not a tear of sensibility.

"But how did you find out that it was he?" he inquired, softly.

"Hand me that fan and I will tell you. I had come down stairs, hearing a noise and thinking of burglars. I was brave in those days, and seized a heavy pair of scissors, which I car-

ried daggerwise. I went to my uncle's room, felt under his pillow and was relieved to find the bag of diamonds safe. Then there was a momentary flash of light, a clatter of a lantern dropped in darkness, and the sound of receding footsteps. I never saw Paul again to this day. The lantern was identified as his. I felt relieved at his flight at the moment. But, General, you and I are old people, and for my part I can love only once, and you must not speak to me again as you have done today."—[The Epoch.

The Conqueror of Consumption.

Professor Koch, the eminent German doctor, whose recent discoveries have concentrated the public gaze upon him, a small yet sturdily-built man, with full, gray beard and large, luminous eyes, but overmuch microscopic study has dulled their luster, and he wears tripled glasses, which give him a somewhat sternly-solemn expression, which, when he talks, is belied by a bright, cheery manner. His complexion is staid and his skin dry as parchment, for during the last six months he has lived so constantly in an atmosphere impregnated with tubercular bacilli that finally his lungs have been attacked also. He is taciturn as Von Moltke, being known among medical men as the man "who knows how to hold his tongue."

He has carried on his experiments for five years without mentioning it, so that even the scientific students working in the same laboratory with him never knew what he was driving at. He is constantly besieged by medical men bearing letters of introduction and requests for personal interviews. He does not receive one caller in a hundred, asking the courtesy, or even glance at the shoals of letters addressed to him. He has already treated some 1700 cases, but still refuses to divulge the secret of his discovery, and disclaims responsibility for the statements put into his mouth by the press in regard to his experiments. He has been accused of surgical plagiarism, and decorated with the Grand Cross of the Order of the Red Eagle.—[Once-a-Week.

Government Clerks.

Recently there died at his post in the treasury department at Washington, a clerk 83 years of age, who had been an employee of the government for twenty-six years, having been appointed during the Lincoln administration. There are clerks in the departments now almost as old as he, automatons they might be called, who would go all to pieces if they were removed from their desks permanently.

Even on holidays it is hard to keep them away from their offices, and there are some who have been absent scarcely a day, except Sundays, for a decade. The departments are the tombs of many broken hearts and dead aspirations and blighted lives, the asylums for the deserving and the undeserving, for the good and the bad.

There are clerks at \$1000 or \$1200 a year who were once millionaires; women who once lived in affluence and were leaders of the society in which they moved are now supporting their children on \$75 a month. Some of the best clerks in the departments are women, and yet women are largely discriminated against in the appointments for the reason that they do not vote and have comparatively little political influence.—[Picaune.

Impressed the Governor as a Janitor.

The Rev. Myron W. Reed, the well-known clergyman of Denver, Col., tells an amusing incident of his military career. During the war his regiment got into Nashville one morning and the following morning he was told to go and relieve the guard at the Capitol. He took up his company, and was to do the first business was to put the prisoners to work to clean out the place. He set them to work with mops, pails and brooms, and just as they were fairly at work a person came up to him and wanted to know what he was doing, making such a noise. "Here, I don't want anything of that," said Mr. Reed; "just get your broom and help these men." "Do you know who I am?" "No, I don't know," and he told him again to get his broom and pail and fall in quick. Then he introduced himself—Andrew Johnson, Military Governor of Tennessee. And Mr. Reed excused him.—[New York Tribune.

A Huge Eucalyptus Tree.

Son of a idea of the growth of the eucalyptus or Australian blue-gum tree in California may be gained from a tree, nineteen years old, just felled in Santa Clara. This tree reached the height of 110 feet, was four feet in diameter and twelve feet in circumference.—[New York Tribune.

MIDNIGHT FISHERS.

Strange Scenes at a San Francisco Street Wharf.

Men, Women and Children Fishing by Electric Light.

A Chronicle reporter whom chance took to the water front last evening was treated in the course of his rambles among the hole-flecked wharves to a novel sight. He had felt his way along the front of the Merchants' dry dock by the distant light from an electric light pole, and when he had turned the corner of the coal bunkers at the foot of Beale street he heard unwonted sounds of revelry and saw groups of shadows etched as a fret-work on the muddy waters of the bay. The noise and hum of voices came from some twenty men, women and boys who were sitting about a square mass of piling bordering an open surface of water, which was brilliantly lighted by a neighboring electric light.

Notwithstanding that the hour was comparatively late the motly assemblage of people were engrossed in fishing! The rapidity with which they pulled up their nets—for hooks were not used—each filled with from six to a dozen fish, appeared marvelous to the reporter, who has had the common experience of musing all day on an unfriendly pile with one diseased catfish as a solitary "take." By peering over the piles fish could be seen leaping frequently from the water as if several schools of fish were swimming around the piles.

Several women, advanced in years, leaned patiently over the wharf waiting for a haul, while young girls scooped in their catch like old hands and stretched each shiner and flounder lifeless by well-directed blows against a pile.

During the daytime the place is deserted by fish. At night when the adjacent electric light is lit the brightness attracts the finny wanderers. They gather in such numbers that to catch them with bated hooks would be tiresome. For this reason the crowds that gather there nightly fashion nets out of hoops and draw the strings close together. No bait is used and the fish entangle themselves in the nets by the dozen. The fact that a light close to the surface of the water will attract fish at night is well known. On the Mohawk and other Eastern rivers holes are cut in the ice in winter and a torch thrust over the apertures will attract thousands of fish to the spot.

At the Beale-street wharf the light shines directly on the inclosed water surface, and fish commenced gathering there at night in large numbers as soon as the light was put up. A few boys enjoyed the sport at first, but latterly women, girls and men have taken a hand at the work. In this way many a dime is saved to the poor people of the neighborhood. To secure a good supper they have only to lower their nets. Many boys have been peddling fish along the water front lately.

One of them was seen yesterday, and he stated that he had given up selling papers to sell fish. He caught them at the foot of Beale street during the night. A few nights ago a man caught 200 pounds of fish, mostly rockcod and sardines of unusual size. Operations are carried far into the night, and people may be seen fishing as late as 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning. Even the Italian fishermen are beginning to frequent the place, although a tendency to boycott them is developing among the "first settlers."—[San Francisco Chronicle.

A Great Inventor's Active Mind.

Edison's inventions are largely the result of prolonged study, and represent nightly vigils in thought. An idea that once occurs to Mr. Edison is never lost, and if it will not stand by itself he will make use of it in an invention that is based upon some other principle. One story of the wizard, told at the meeting of the Electrical Society, was as follows: A gentleman was talking with him upon inventions and his manner of thinking out new things, when Mr. Edison said: "Let me know that a thing can be done and I will find a way to do it." "How can a man smuggle a diamond into port on his person without danger of detection?" was promptly asked.

Mr. Edison did not spend thirty seconds in solving the problem, though he had never thought of the question before and he replied: "In a hollow tooth." Of course, the Custom House inspectors would not lawfully be justified in removing the plug from a person's tooth. The story was told in illustration of Edison's quick methods of thought gained largely by his habits of study.—[New York Times.

Thoroughbred Horses.

What do people mean by a "thoroughbred horse?" The word has a purely conventional significance. As used in English racing circles, the term "thoroughbred" means a horse or mare whose pedigree is registered in the "Stud-Book" kept by the official agent of the Jockey Club. The first attempt to evolve order out of the chaos of English equine pedigrees was made in 1791, and the first volume of the Stud-Book was published in 1808. All the horses now on the turf or at the stud in England trace their ancestry in the direct male line to one or other of three stallions, viz., the Byerly Turk, of whom nothing is known except that he was the charger of a Captain Byerly in 1689; the Darley Arabian, a genuine Arab, imported from Aleppo about the end of the reign of William III.; and the Godolphin Arabian or Barb, brought to England about 25 years later. It is said to be impossible to find an English thoroughbred that through males or females does not combine the blood of all these three progenitors.

It is curious that the development of speed in the trotting horse to which so much attention is now paid in the United States, dates back to the importation, in 1788, of the thoroughbred horse Messenger from England to Philadelphia. This horse, a gray stallion, was at the stud for 20 years, and almost every trotter of merit in this country, whose pedigree can be worked out, may be traced back to Messenger, who seems to have had the faculty of transmitting to a large percentage of his descendants, whether thoroughbred or not, the trotting instinct. But, of course, this instinct has been amazingly developed by breeding and training.—[The Ledger.

A Dissertation on Safes.

An old safe-breaker said to me the other day that, as a matter of fact, no one could open a safe-lock by listening to the click of the tumbler. They do not click. They are immovable in their places and do not drop. "This being the case," continued my informant, "when I hear of an inexperienced plumber boy who opens combinations at will, which has been going the rounds of the papers for some time past, it fatigues me. Now I have the reputation of being able to open almost any safe, but if the safe is locked I can't do it. I can go to the safe, as it stands unlocked, and can gently turn the combination until the resistance warns me that I have reached a tumbler. I note the number and proceed in like manner with all the tumblers. Then the owner can lock his safe, and I, being in possession of this combination, can unlock without difficulty.

Had I been placed before the same safe while locked, I might turn until doomsday without success. I know of a safe which is locked and the combination lost. It is impossible to open that safe until it is drilled open. A safe with two tumblers is susceptible of 10,000 changes, with three tumblers 1,000,000 changes, with four 100,000,000, and so on in regular permutation. But give me a clew one number of the combination employing two tumblers and I will have to make out 100 combinations, from one to 100, in order to open the safe in from two to five minutes time. There is no absolutely burglar-proof safe except the one employing a screw door with a time lock attachment on the inside."—[New York Dispatch.

Ancient Legal Ethics.

The rules which governed the French advocates several centuries ago have been recently republished, and the honorable lawyer of today may read with interest some of the obligations of the member of the "Noblesse de la robe." "He was not to undertake just and unjust causes alike without distinction or maintain such as he undertook with trickery, fallacies and misquotations of authorities. He was not in his pleadings to indulge in abuse of the opposite party or his counsel. He was not to compromise the interests of his clients by absence from court when the cause in which he was retained was called on. He was not to violate the respect due to the court by either improper expressions or unbecoming gestures. He was not to exhibit a sordid avidity of gain by putting too high a price upon his services. He was not to make any bargain with his client for a share in the profits of the judgment he might recover. He was not to lead a dissipated life nor one contrary to the modesty and gravity of his calling. He was not, under pain of being disbarred, to refuse his services to the indigent and oppressed." These antiquated rules show how great has been the march of progress in the civilized ages even among average members of the bar.—[New York Tribune.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

To a drunk man the sea only reaches to the knees.

You cannot sail as you would, but as the wind blows.

All the rivers go to the sea, and it never overruns.

It is not luck that counts but deliberate calculating judgment.

It is easy to be noble among the noble. The difficult thing is to keep the nobility of one's nature unperverted among the petty and ignoble.

Contentment is the only true happiness of life; and a pleasant disposition and good work will make the whole surroundings ring with cheerfulness.

Cunning leads to knavery; it is but a step from one to the other, and that very slippery; lying only makes the difference, add that to cunning and it is knavery.

Decision of character is one of the most important of human qualities, philosophically considered. Speculation, knowledge, is not the chief end of man; it is action.

Did you ever know a man that was continually lawing it to get rich? We have known several that were poor and kept so by "having a suit" in every term of court or "a case before Justice" Blank. Keep out of law.

A Dog That Cannot Bark.

Robert C. Dingee, a stenographer, living in Plainfield, N. J., owns a dog which is strangely afflicted. It has lost entirely the use of its voice, and is in fact almost as dumb as an oyster. The dog is a big savage-looking Newfoundland, and is chained to a kennel at one side of the house. Tramps think twice before attempting to enter by the gate, and soon upon second thought they generally decide to call elsewhere for cold victuals. Although it cannot bark or growl Mr. Dingee's pet is a first-class watch-dog, and by showing two rows of gleaming teeth, and by excited rushing to the lengths of its chain limits, intruders are generally scared away.

The handsome brute has not always been dumb, however. Until a few years ago, it howled its midnight answer to far-away dogs in stentorian tones of no mean calibre. But one unusually hard winter it caught a severe cold and nearly died. Dog doctors are an unknown luxury in Plainfield, and Mr. Dingee was at a loss to know how to treat his consumptive pet. He is a man of action, and one, too, of genius in certain lines. He argued that what was good for a human cough must necessarily be also good for a canine cough.

Accordingly he procured from a druggist the best bottle of rock and rye in the market and prescribed liberal doses of the same to the dog. The latter at once felt the soothing effects of the medicine, which, by the way, it was not loath to take, and rapidly recovered. As the cough left the animal so did its voice. This new complication was more than Mr. Dingee could master, and during the intervening years perhaps the only dumb dog in New Jersey has lived a not unhappy, though perhaps somewhat uncomfortable life.

Mr. Dingee still lives in Plainfield and thinks a deal of his dog. When he comes home every night his pet welcomes him with a rattle of his chain, and on occasions of unusual joyfulness it indulges in a wheezing sound, which is no more like a dog's bark than is the noise made by escaping steam.—[New York Tribune.

Opium Eating and Smoking.

The eating of opium has been practiced from very ancient times, though chiefly in Asia Minor, India and Persia. Smoking the drug is particularly a Chinese vice—so much so, in fact, that in 1878 it was estimated that three out of every ten of the population of China had the habit of "hitting the pipe." Wherever the Chinese have gone they have introduced this interesting amusement. In preparing crude opium for smoking it is first removed from the petals, moistened and boiled in pans for some hours until it has arrived at the condition of a thin paste. Then a considerable quantity of water is added, and the rich brown fluid thus obtained is drawn off into another receptacle by syphon process with a lamp wick made of a sort of pith. Next, the fluid is evaporated by boiling and, after being removed from the fire, is stirred until cold by coolies, who assist the process with large fans. At the end of this performance the opium looks something like molasses and is ready to be sealed up in half-pound cans. It is commonly adulterated with flour, liquorice, clay, pieces of lead and various gums.—[Washington Star.

THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Many Strange Things Coming From the Orient.

Ameer Indus Tries to be Represented at the Great Show.

"I received my credentials on Saturday as commissioner for the world's fair to Turkey, Egypt, Syria and Persia," said Dr. Cyrus Adler to a representative of the Washington Star. "I sail to be absent for one year. The object of my trip is, in the first place, to arouse interest on the part of the governments of those countries in the coming exposition, to obtain contributions in the shape of exhibits and to make observations of life and affairs in the orient. An important feature of the great show in Chicago is to represent the east, its people, its manners and its products. Instead of getting together a lot of oriental goods and putting them in glass-cases for the edification of the multitude, there will be a boulevard with cross streets, each of which will be made to represent with as much accuracy and vividness as possible an actual street in an eastern city.

"It is largely for the purpose of making such observations as will enable me to properly construct these glimpses of eastern cities that I am about to make this journey. The streets will be actual copies of real ones that are most typical in Cairo, Damascus, Bagdad, Bayreuth, Jerusalem, Alexandria, Constantinople and elsewhere. I shall visit each of those towns and shall obtain the necessary data on the spot. With such surroundings visitors to the fair will be made to feel as if they were journeying through the orient.

"Turning around a corner from a street in Bagdad they will find themselves in Damascus, whence another turn will take them into Jerusalem, and so on throughout an imaginary journey in eastern lands. They will have presented to them in this way a picture of life as it is lived in those far-away countries. In the shops along the way they will gaze upon the people engaged in their native occupations, and incidentally they will behold the actual production of the manufactures placed on view.

"For example, the glass workers of Hebron will be seen making their famous ware after the same methods they have practiced for thousands of years. Damascus, naturally, will be presented by its manufacture of cutlery, for which through so many centuries it has been famed. From Syria will come the makers of silk and carpet wools, while the Egyptians will show what they can do in the way of making furniture and tanning skins.

"An oriental tannery will probably be a point of interest in the exposition; likewise an eastern theatre, and eating house. The curing of fruit, the manufacture of preserves, and the preparation of prunes for market will be among the things worth seeing. But these are only a few of the ideas which are likely to be carried out. I can tell you better when I come back about the wonders of that distant part of the world which the Columbian fair may be expected to display."

The Oyster Industry.

There are thirty oyster barges which supply the New York market. The owners of these barges employ from twenty to fifty men apiece, and each man is expected to open from 5000 to 10,000 oysters a day, being paid at the rate of \$1 a thousand. There are accordingly several millions of oysters opened daily in the markets, while cart and wagon loads of oysters in the shell are also sold for the city and country trade.

There are on an average between fifty and seventy boats a day that come to the Christopher Street and West Washington markets. Each boat brings from 200 to 600 baskets, each basket averaging 300 oysters. Most of the oysters sold in the market are sold by count. The oyster openers, ranged in long lines, are seated on wooden benches that extend the entire length of the barges. Before them are piled up the oysters to be opened, in heaps of 500. These they drop into pails capable of containing seven gallons of oysters and two of ice. As soon as a pail is filled it is closed, sealed, and ready to be packed off West.

Until within a few years ago Chicago was the greatest Western market for the oyster. To-day Kansas City and St. Louis are the largest consumers. Oysters are now also sent to San Francisco, where it is said they arrive in fine condition.

When a reporter expressed his astonishment at the quantity of oyster

used, a large dealer said: "Why, bless your soul, we could dispose of three times that number. You must not forget that there is an immense amount of oysters canned and that these are sent to all parts of the world. Why, in China, India, Australia, let alone in all the European countries, they have American oysters."

"Is there any profit in oysters?" "Why, certainly, and a big one. I sell these oysters, the best taken, at 90 cents a basket, and all are counted. According to the size of the oyster is the number, but take them all around they cost \$4.50 a thousand, or two for a cent. These oysters will be sold in restaurants and hotels, averaging less than a dozen a plate, at from 20 to 30 cents a plate. Now make your calculation on one basket alone, and you will see there is money in the oyster."

Railways Cause the Most Cripples.

Considering the number of persons who wear them, one may justifiably affirm that wooden legs are quite fashionable in these times. A New Yorker who deals in artificial limbs says that there are as many as 400,000 persons in this country each lacking at least one limb, and that of this number about 85 per cent. are either one-legged or altogether short of nether extremities. From this it would appear that about 350,000 of the American people are more or less deprived of the power of locomotion by natural means, and it may be taken for granted that every one of these persons, if he has been able to do it, has repaired by artificial appliances to as great an extent as possible the damage which he has sustained by amputation.

The railroad is the cruellest and most persistent amputator. The wooden leg makers would save if the railroad should by some process be so reorganized that the mutilation of human beings would not be one of its chief functions. Ninety per cent. of the amputations which take place in this country are chargeable to the railroad. Compared with the railroad, war is of very slight consequence as a contributor to the ranks of the maimed. Into one of the artificial limb establishments of this city come every morning clippings from newspapers sent in by a newspaper clipping agency. It is largely upon the basis of facts furnished by these clippings that the affirmation as to the cruel work done by the railroad is made.

In six months 4056 cases of loss of limbs have been reported in these newspaper clippings, and out of this number over 3500 have been railroad cases.

The prosthetic art, as the manufacturers of artificial limbs call their line of work, is not, strictly speaking, a new thing. In the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons in London there is exhibited an artificial leg which was found in Capua in 1885, after having been underground since the early Roman times. [New York Times.]

A Lake of Boiling Water.

There is a lake of boiling water in the island of Dominica, lying in the mountain behind Roseau and in the valley surrounding it as many solfataras or volcanic sulphur vents. In fact the boiling lake is like better than a crater filled with scalding water constantly fed by mountain streams, and through which the pent-up gasses find vent and are rejected.

The temperature of the water on the margins of the lake ranges from 180 degrees to 190 degrees Fahrenheit. In the middle, exactly over the gasses vents, it is believed to be about 300 degrees. Where this active action takes place the water is said to rise two, three, or even four feet above the general surface level of the lake, the cone often dividing so that the orifices through which the gas escapes are legion in number.

This violent disturbance over the gas jets causes a violent action over the whole surface of the lake, and though the cones appear to be special vents, the sulphurous vapors with equal density over its entire surface. Contrary to what one would suppose, there seems to be in no case violent action of the escaping gases, such as explosions or detonations.

The water is of a pink gray color, and having been boiled over and over for thousands of years, has become thick and slimy with sulphur. As the inlets to the lake are rapidly closing, it is believed that it will soon assume the character of a geyser or sulphurous crater. [Yankee Blade.]

A Disappointing Gift.

Mame (to her sister)—Susie, what did Mr. Gildersleeve give you for a birthday present?

Susie—Himself, sir.

Mame—H'm! I think he might have given you something of some value. [Epoch.]

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

COUNSEL.

A journey round the world began By taking but one pace; But not too eager, little man, In entering the race.

The mites increased, be not disturbed, Plan wisely, delve and dig; The oak your arms no longer gird Grew from a slender twig. Toil bravely on; in patience wait, And by the moment live; Choose rather to be good than great, And gain that you may give. —[George B. Griffith.]

BIRDS IN TUG-OF-WAR.

Two sparrows—one big, the other little—simultaneously swooped down upon a piece of cotton cord in front of the City Hall the other day. Both wanted it and both pulled, but without visible advantage to either bird. Then began a real tug-of-war.

Of course the smaller sparrow was heavily handicapped in the matter of weight, but this he more than made up in skill and strength. For a few moments they stood firmly braced on the asphalt walk and pulled with all their might. Finding their efforts against each other futile, they, with a common impulse, flew upward without relaxing their hold upon the coveted object, and continued in midair the struggle for the string.

Once off the ground the smaller sparrow appeared to figure more conspicuously, for while his foe seemed to fancy that weight would tell in the end the little bird adopted shrewd tactics. When the big bird flew he flew with him, and when he darted upward or zig-zagged from side to side he was with him every time. In fact, he let the big one cut out all the work, and it was plain to the crowd of people who stood watching the strife that the big bird was wearing himself out. This proved to be true. Suddenly the little one, seizing a favorable opportunity, made a sharp downward rush, instantly followed by a quick upward dash, and the cord was jerked out of the tired beak of his rival. But in making the effort the prize fell from his own bill. For a single second it floated in the air, then the little victor quickly seized it and with a tiny screech of triumph flew away un molested by the larger bird.

This little tug-of-war only lasted two or three minutes, but it was a show worth seeing. [New York Herald.]

AN INQUISITIVE FISH.

Many interesting stories are told by divers of their experiences at the bottom of the sea, and the curiosity manifested by fish is one of the themes on which they dilate with satisfaction. The fact that certain species of fish are of an inquiring turn of mind has been proven beyond all doubt, and a circumstance in connection with the repairing of the water pipes in the Narrows adds confirmation. When Divers Llewellyn and McHardy first began work on the broken mains they observed a fish which looked as if it belonged to the black cod species swimming about them and frequently going in and out of the broken pipe.

They did not pay much attention to it on the first and second days, but when on going down the third day they saw it closely examining the pipe they were then working on they began to give it more consideration. On the fourth day he was again at the spot, and they there and then dubbed it the inspector.

It was always on the spot, either when the divers got there or it came immediately afterward and remained till they went away again, and during the time they were at work it observed them with the most serious attention, always shifting its position as the divers did theirs, in order that it might observe exactly how things were done.

The men on the steamer became very much interested in it, and always made inquiries when the divers came up as to whether the inspector was satisfied with the work done. That it does not stay about the spot except when the divers are there and that it knows the time of their arrival, is shown by the fact that on three different occasions when they had to go back unexpectedly the inspector was not there. He always turned up next morning, however, as usual. For seventeen days now the inspector has been watching this job, and if any future accident should occur, he will, no doubt, apply for work at the company's office. Anyone doubting this statement of fact can have it verified by Mr. Nixon or by the divers, Llewellyn and McHardy. —[Vancouver (British Columbia) News-Advertiser.]

An electrical gyroscope has been devised in Paris and has been applied to show the rotation of the earth and to correct ship's compasses.

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ABOUT TOWN MATTERS.

Notices of concerts, lectures, entertainments, etc., to which an admission fee is charged, must be paid for as advertisements, by the line.

—The town clock evidently needs a thorough overhauling. It goes wrong about every night; certainly each extra cold snap causes it to stop running.

—The Baptist Sunday school, last Sunday noon, contributed \$10.00 towards the charitable work at the north end, Boston, in which Rev. Mr. Tomlinson, of the Universalist church, is so deeply interested.

—Mr. Joseph Payne, who owns the place on the corner of Mystic and Russell streets, met with a painful accident, last Friday. He carries on a general teaming business in Boston, and while at work on an elevator, put in motion unexpectedly, Mr. Payne had one of his feet caught between the elevator floor and casing and badly hurt.

—At the regular meeting of Bethel Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F., held Wednesday evening, the following officers for the ensuing term were elected:—

N. G.—Arthur L. Bacon.
V. G.—Edgar Crosby.
R. Secy.—Chas. W. Bunker.
P. Secy.—Sidney G. Dunbar.
Treas.—Nathaniel E. Whittier.
Trustee, 3 years.—Duncan Macfarlane.

—Monday evening the "St. Charles Minstrels," an organization connected with the Catholic church in Woburn, came to Arlington under the management of Mr. Thomas F. Meagher, and gave a concert in Town Hall. The new stage of Arlington Boat Club was used by the company, who gave a variety entertainment of the old-time minstrel order, winning hearty applause from the very fair audience filling the chairs.

—The annual election of officers of the Baptist Sabbath school occurred last Sunday, at the noon session, and resulted as follows:—

Superintendent.—W. E. Richardson.
Assist. Supt.—Harry T. Gregory.
Secy.—Nelson B. Crosby.
Treasurer.—Wm. B. Wood.
Chorister.—Benj. B. Conant.
Pianist.—Miss Daisy A. Conant.
Librarian.—Cloris N. Johnson.
Finance Com.—Franklin Wyman and Frederick A. Johnson.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Richardson for services rendered.

—The Macedonian society of the Baptist church held their meeting last Tuesday evening, in the large vestry, at 7.30 o'clock, the president, Mr. Blake, presiding. After the devotional exercises and the reading of the secretary's report, the following interesting program was given: Reading, "Gideon's band," Mr. E. N. Blake; solo, Miss Grace Munroe; war selection by Carleton Coffin, read by Miss Anna C. Cousins; solo, Miss Munroe; paper, "Religious tendency of the negro," Miss Bertha M. Lawrence; war selection by Whittier, Mr. Blake; solo, Miss Munroe; paper on encouragement of work for the negroes, Miss M. Helen Teel. The meeting stands adjourned for three weeks. A most delightful evening was spent and it is desired that others come and find profit and enjoyment in meeting with this society.

—The children of St. John's Parish were given a Christmas festival on Monday evening of this week, in Menotomy Hall. The children and others connected with the Episcopal parish gathered at an early hour and a short service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Pember, the rector, in which were a number of carols sung by all present. The Christmas tree presented an attractive sight when lit by the numerous candles and each child was made happy with a present when the gifts were distributed by those who acted as an impromptu Santa Claus on this occasion. Later in the evening cake and coffee were served to all present and all contributed to make the evening an enjoyable one. At the parlor sale, in aid of this parish, held at the home of Mrs. Elwell, on Pleasant St. place, a few days ago, the sum of \$40.00 was realized.

—In the bowling match at the Norfolk House, Roxbury, last Saturday evening, the Arlington team lost first place in the catalogue of clubs engaged in the tournament by the defeat they sustained on that evening at the hands of the Casino Club. A large delegation from Arlington witnessed the play and by applauding good hits and other signs of sympathy gave encouragement to the team, but the alleys were almost "tricky" and very slippery, so that high totals seemed to be impossible by either team. The following is the full score:—

CASINO CLUB.				
	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Bowler.	String	String	String	
Johnson,	130	152	148	430
Davis,	143	152	179	474
Goodman,	135	161	140	436
Gage,	123	141	116	380
Smith,	175	144	160	479
Totals,	706	750	743	2199

ARLINGTON BOAT CLUB.				
	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Bowler.	String	String	String	
Stevens,	137	146	171	454
Shepard,	133	130	119	382
Whittemore,	154	161	126	441
Hill,	172	119	162	453
Flanders,	141	133	148	422
Totals,	740	689	725	2155

Referees, F. Dwyer, R. F. Swan, Jr., Score, S. B. Bartlett, W. F. Homer.

By mutual agreement the game with the Newton team, scheduled for Dec. 31, is postponed to January 10. To-morrow evening the A. B. C. team goes to Chelsea for its game with the club in that city.

—Instead of the Christmas party, as in former years, the officers of the Congregationalist Sunday school deemed it best to give the children a New Year party, and this was held Wednesday evening, in the church parlors. The children assembled at 5.30 o'clock, nearly all the younger members being present at that time. The platform in the lecture room was flanked by handsome evergreen trees reaching to the ceiling, bright with twinkling lights and trimmed with fruit, tinsel ornaments, candy boxes and corn streamers. Supt. Kidder announced as the opening feature, a recitation by baby Alice Bushnell, daughter of the pastor, and the little tot charmed all by her cunning speech and manner. Mr. Kidder was proceeding with the programme as he had arranged it, when Mr. C. M. Hall, superintendent's assistant, stepped forward, protesting he had some rights in this matter; that he had been singularly ignored by his superior officer. Mr. Hall then alluded to the success the school had attained under the leadership of Mr. Kidder, maintaining the interest and average attendance all through the period the church was without a pastor, until now the school was in the high tide of prosperity. He also spoke of the pleasant relations maintained through the past three years, the regret all felt that the sunning of them must now occur, and then in behalf of the officers and teachers in both departments of the school, presented the retiring superintendent with a handsome French clock. Mr. Kidder was completely surprised, but made it apparent to all that he was very happy to receive the mark of esteem and appreciation which the gift indicated. Mr. Kidder then assumed the management of affairs, introducing Mr. Le Roy, of Boston, "illusionist," who amused the company for an hour or more with a series of slight-of-hand performances, all of them new to Arlington audiences, so far as we remember. He has rare skill in deceiving his audiences, and a manner that is very pleasing. The affair closed with the distribution of oranges and candy to the members of the school. There was an exchange of gifts in the primary department of this school, last week, Asst. Supt. Geo. H. Rugg remembering all his teachers and officers, and receiving from them a pair of handsome gold sleeve buttons.

—Monday evening the members of Arlington Fire Department, nearly every member being present, met the Engineers at the hall of Wm. Penn. Hose house, to discuss the matter of forming a mutual benefit association similar to those in other places, by means of which a fund is raised for the relief of any member of the department injured in the line of duty, or disabled by reason of sickness. The plan of organization was explained by the engineers and others familiar with its workings, and a vote being taken a unanimous decision in favor of forming such a society was reached and it was called the Arlington Firemen's Mutual Benefit Association. The next business was the election of officers, and the following were chosen:—

President.—Charles Gott.
Vice-President.—Warren A. Peirce.
Secretary.—George Hill.
Treasurer.—Frank P. Winn.

In addition to the above, there is an executive committee composed of the assistant formen of each company.

The business of the evening disposed of the company had an agreeable surprise in the entrance of caterer N. J. Hardy, who spread a substantial feast in his usual attractive style, of which all present partook with hearty relish. This treat was the personal donation of Mr. Warren A. Peirce, who never misses an opportunity to show his interest in the welfare and enjoyment of the members of our fire department.

—Mr. E. Willis Corey died at the hospital at Westboro, Mass., last Saturday, and was buried from the Old Cambridge church, on Wednesday. Some years ago Mr. Corey was a resident of Arlington and was a recognized power in town affairs, as he possessed many of the qualifications of a successful leader. He was specially active in the temperance reform movement of 1876, and during the active work of Arlington Reform Club no one contributed more to the success achieved than did Mr. Corey. At that time he was also superintendent of Arlington Baptist Sunday school, devoting a large amount of time to the same and making it the best school in town. During his residence here he owned the fine estate on Pleasant street now occupied by Mr. Bartlett, and he kept open house there always for a wide circle of friends and acquaintance. On his removal from town he joined the Tremont Temple church in Boston, where his talents were speedily recognized, and also at the Harvard street church, where he was later a member. Some months ago an over-wrought mind and body broke down and now has come the final rest he never would take. Mrs. George C. Whittemore and her sister, Mrs. Walker, were sisters of the deceased. Mr. Corey was a comparatively young man, being a little less than 49 years of age. He leaves a widow and two sons, both grown to man's estate.

—The subject for the young people's meeting at the Congregational church next Sunday evening will be "What is our desire?" Hour of service, at 6.30 o'clock.

—"Were you in it?" was a trite remark exchanged by friends after the accident Saturday. It was one of the things desirable not to be "in."

—Arlington public schools resume their regular sessions next Monday.

—The annual meeting of Arlington W. C. T. Union occurs this afternoon, in the ladies' parlor of the Cong. church.

—The usual monthly sociable of the Congregational church occurs next Wednesday evening.

—Miss Anna Gooding, a teacher in the High school, has spent a portion of her winter vacation days in New York.

—The electric road did a flourishing traffic Saturday forenoon, owing to the accident at No. Cambridge junction on this branch of the Boston & Main railroad.

—Arlington Brass Band has arranged the details of a promenade concert to be given in Town Hall on the evening of Jan. 22. The concert is to be followed by a dance. Tickets can be had of members of the Band.

—The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Baptist church will hold their service next Sunday evening, in the small vestry, at quarter past six o'clock. Subject: "What is our desire?" Week of prayer. Acts, 2: 1 to 4: 17, 18, 41.

—The accident on the railroad, Saturday morning, gave many of our friends a "bad spell" from which they did not recover right away. Nerves were put to a severe test and there were few that did not discover they possessed these delicate sensibilities on this occasion.

—"Out of His Sphere" is the title of a strong play which members of the Young Peoples' Social Club of the Universalist church have had in preparation until proficient in all the parts, and it will be given in the church vestry, Thursday evening, January 8th. Tickets, 25 cents (children 15 cents), can be had at the door. The performance commences at 7.45 o'clock.

—On Wednesday the Messrs. Durgin began cutting ice on Little Spy pond, and up to last evening had hauled about twenty thousand blocks. The weather this morning is not favorable to a continuance of the harvesting, but the men are busy there this morning and will continue as long as possible. The ice is of splendid quality, some twelve inches thick.

—The patrons of the electric cars on Friday afternoon and evening and far into the night, were hardly in a frame of mind to prepare for the turning over of new leaves for the new year but fortunately they had almost a week to recover from the rash things thought and said at this time before the Happy New Year was ushered in. Cars were delayed one, two and even more hours and it was rather cold comfort for passengers to have the alternative of having to wait in the cold cars this weary time or breast the snow storm which was of sufficient severity to be termed a "blizzard." The rain which followed the snow and froze as it fell caked the snow to the tracks so that it was almost impossible to keep them cleared for the cars to pass.

—Last Friday evening the officers of Hiram Lodge, F. A. M., were installed, the ceremony being performed by Rt. Wor. Bro. George W. Storer, assisted by Wor. Bros. Edmund W. Noyes and Chas. H. Prentiss. The following is the full list of elective and appointed officers for the ensuing year:—

W. M., George H. Cutter.
S. W., Edw. H. Cutler.
J. W., Nathan T. Soule.
Treas., Geo. D. Tufts.
Sec., L. D. Bradley.
Mar., E. W. Noyes.
S. D., W. S. Durgin.
I. D., Chas. W. Bunker.
S. S., H. W. Pattee.
S. S., Earnest Hesselstine.
S. S., Chas. F. Crosby.
Organist, Geo. H. Thayer.
Tyler, James Thaxter.

—Last Sunday evening occurred the Christmas concert at the Universalist church by the Sunday school, under the direction of the superintendent, assisted by the choir of the church. The decoration was not elaborate, but laurel was tastefully looped around the pulpit and suggested the glad season. The devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. C. Tomlinson, and consisted of responsive readings by superintendent, pastor and school. The exercise introduced a number of recitations, solo and duet parts, all making an enjoyable and instructive exercise for the occasion. Geo. Russell, a boy of about twelve years, with an exceptionally sweet voice, sang a Christmas carol, and he Clifford McDonald bravely sang a solo. Readings appropriate to the Christmas time was given by Miss Angie Wellington, Miss Bertha Hall and Miss Adams, and Ethel Harwood sang a pretty solo; Misses Ella Ronco and Bertha Hall gave a duet, the former singing the solo part. Miss Carrie Higgins rendered the beautiful solo by Praga, entitled "The Angel's Serenade," with violin accompaniment by Farley Osgood. Mrs. Roberts' reading of the "Brown's Christmas party" were one of the excellent features of the program and the singing by the quartette choir (Miss Higgins, Mrs. Geo. Russell, Messrs. Cutler and Holt) filled an important place in the pleasing exercise of the evening. The audience was dismissed with the benediction, after singing the doxology.

—The Rev. Cephus B. Lynn, formerly pastor of the Danvers Universalist church, but who has recently accepted the important trust of agent for the Universalist General Convention, and who has on former occasions spoken here so

acceptably, will preach in the First Universalist church, at 10.45 o'clock, next Sunday morning.

—Next Tuesday evening, at the Unitarian church vestry, Mrs. Abba Gould Woolson delivers the first of a series of lectures on the "Great Queens of History." Mrs. Woolson comes to Arlington under most favorable auspices, her previous success here paving the way for a cordial reception, had not recent successes in other fields added to her fame as a lecturer. The course embraces six lectures, tickets for which are now on sale at Whittemore's drug store.

—The annual business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Baptist church was held in the lecture room, last Wednesday evening. In absence of the president, Rev. Chas. H. Watson acted as chairman. The secretary's report was read and accepted, also reports of various committees, after which the following officers were elected by acclamation:—

President.—J. Howell Crosby.
Vice-President.—Herbert L. Cox.
Secretary.—Miss Ella L. Crawford.
Treasurer.—Miss Daisy A. Conant.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the former officers for their services and a visiting and flower committee were added, members of which are to be appointed by the president.

—The annual business meeting of the Arlington Baptist church was held in the vestry at eight o'clock, last evening. The moderator, Rev. Chas. H. Watson, called the meeting to order, and Geo. T. Freeman, church clerk, read the records. Reports were accepted and placed on file. The following officers and committees were elected: Clerk, Geo. T. Freeman; Bethel committee, B. B. Conant, Warren Rawson; standing committee, pastor, deacons, Wm. H. Allen, Geo. G. Allen, Frank Wyman; chorister, Benj. B. Conant; finance committee, Misses Ethel Bartlett, Lucy Learned, John White and Wm. B. Wood. The Sunday school officers elected last Sunday were ratified and a vote of thanks tendered to Mr. Conant for services in the church and Sunday school as chorister.

—An enjoyable social event of New Year's evening was the card party given by the Misses Hardy, to the Here-and-There Club, at their spacious and attractive home, on Lake street. The young ladies, assisted by their brothers, welcomed their guests in a cordial manner and their natural social tendencies helped materially to make the evening's entertainment the success which it proved. The game was drive whist, with eight tables, and at the finish of twenty hands round the prizes were awarded. Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Parris were successful in winning the prizes for the highest number of points won to the gentleman and lady and Miss Mary Vaughn and Mr. E. D. Parker were given prizes for running up the largest score in the other direction, and were consoled with the booby prizes. The refreshments, which were served to the groups seated at tables, were excellent and the first day of the New Year will be pleasantly remembered by those present on this occasion.

—Last evening there was a pleasant gathering in Grand Army Hall. It was called a "Basket Party," because each couple brought a basket filled with whatever each thought best, and containing also the name of the donor. These baskets were sold at auction, and the purchaser of each was expected to discover the lady whose name he found in the basket and share the contents with her. Before the sale of the baskets a pleasing entertainment was given, opening with a piano solo by Mr. George T. Valentine. "The brave sentinel," a bass solo, was finely sung by comrade George H. Averill. Mr. Valentine sang in a highly artistic manner a tenor selection and responded to an encore, and Messrs. Valentine and Averill sang in duet "The Lost Ship." Between these numbers Master A. Fred Roberts charmed all by his recitations, being repeatedly encored, and he closed with a taking character sketch. The sale of baskets was then in order, comrade Harris being the auctioneer, and a goodly sum was netted. The social features connected with opening the baskets and disposing of the contents was not the least enjoyable feature.

—The festival par excellence in the estimation of the children of the Unitarian church and Sunday school is that annually given on New Year evening. It is their party in every regard, when all restraints are removed and romping and playing, into which children naturally drift when gathered in large numbers, is encouraged rather than frowned upon by the older people. The children gathered about four o'clock, and after a two hours' romp were fully prepared to do justice to the fine supper spread for them by the ladies of the parish and served at 6.15 o'clock. It was in every way as good as that furnished at other festivals during the year, and higher praise cannot be spoken. After supper S. S. Superintendent Ceiley announced the names of the twenty-nine pupils whose attendance during the year had been perfect and the twelve absent only one time, and then introduced Prof. Geo. H. Pray, of Boston, who interested all and delighted the children with a series of deftly performed slight-of-hand tricks. The evening proved to be stormy, but we imagine few members of the school were detained by the weather. It was a jolly party.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

is, lectures, entertainments, etc., to mission fee is charged, must be advertisements, by the line.

—This afternoon (Friday) the King's Daughters meet with Mrs. Wetherbee.

—Next week is known as "The Week of Prayer" in evangelical churches.

—The annual meeting of Hancock Congregational church occurs this (Friday) evening.

—The Chautauqua Circle met with Mrs. Alfred Pierce, on Monday afternoon.

—The Independence Lodge, A. O. U. W., held their annual business meeting, Jan. 13th.

—The house owned by Mr. H. B. Davis was insured for \$500.00 through the agency of C. T. West.

—Next Sunday will be the usual time for the annual election of officers of the Baptist Sunday school.

—Rev. L. B. Hatch proposes to continue his lectures on his visit to California on Sunday evening at seven o'clock, at the Baptist church.

—The Christmas donation of the Congregational society to the manger was about double that of last year. Five barrels were packed and sent on Friday, Dec. 27, to city missionary Waldron, to be distributed at his discretion among the poor of Boston.

—Mrs. F. O. Vaille, who lives on Bedford street, had the meeting of the Monday Club at her home on Monday afternoon. The hostess read a paper prepared by her on the subject of "Effect of Greek drama in French literature."

—Rev. E. G. Porter, as in years past, on the last Sunday of the year offered silver medals to those scholars of the Sunday school who should be present every Sunday during the year. The medal is the well known "Lexington medal."

—The Christmas music prepared by the choir of the Hancock church and given under the direction of the chorister the Sunday previous to Christmas, was repeated, by earnest request, on Sunday last and on this occasion was in every way as excellent as when given the first time.

—David S. Muzzey received at Christmas time four volumes on English literature, bound in elegant crimson morocco, and bearing the imprint of Harvard University in gilt, as a reward given by the college for first rank in class scholarship. These books are a memento one might well be proud of.

—The Young Peoples' Christian Endeavor society held their Sunday afternoon meeting as usual, in Village Hall, at 3.15, with C. B. Darling as the leader. The subject will be from John, 21:22. These meetings have been very successful, the one of last Sunday afternoon being especially so and the attendance was large, almost filling the hall.

—The snow and fine sleighing has inaugurated a season of high carnival in Lexington. Our streets have been alive with the merry sounds wafted on the air in the wake of sleighing parties from all the neighboring cities and towns. The Massachusetts House has been the chief resort of these parties, the Russell House being obliged to refuse hospitality so eagerly sought by parties in past years, owing to the number of permanent boarders making their home there during the winter.

—The Massachusetts House was filled with guests in every nook and corner on Monday evening, sleighing parties coming to this popular winter resort from all the towns and cities within ten miles, at least. Landlord Carter and his able clerk did all possible to make the different parties have a good time and we think they must have been eminently successful in their efforts. A large party, on pleasure bent, came from Cambridge and another equally large from Medford and smaller groups of guests represented Lynn, Malden, Somerville, etc. Fully one hundred and fifty persons put up at this house on Monday, which was only a sample of those which were to follow during the week of fine sleighing.

—The Sunday school of the First Parish church observed the great church festival the Sunday following Christmas, with a concert exercise last Sunday evening, in the church. The interior was decorated in an appropriate manner, the pulpit and choir balcony being draped with evergreen and an elegant floral piece was placed in the font. The opening carol "Waken Christian children," was followed by responsive reading in which the school and Rev. C. A. Staples, (who acts as the superintendent as well as being the pastor of the parish took part in an effective manner. The exercise was profuse in its bright carols, all heralding the birth of Christ, and were fine in sentiment and many very excellent musical compositions, but the titles are omitted as they were so similar although the music was all varied and taking. The choir of the church, under

the direction of the leader, had an important part in the rendering of the music and in the responsive exercises, this chorus choir of young people giving life to the singing of the carols. A solo was rendered by Mrs. Howes, of Boston, and recitations were given by Lena Grozier and Clara McIntyre and the closing exercises were quite as appropriate as those which opened the service. Rev. Mr. Staples gave a brief address, in which suggestions were made as to how Christmas could be continued through all the year.

—Mr. Malloy's reading comes next week Wednesday, at Mass. House.

—Timothy Shay was in court on Friday for drunkenness the day previous. He was fined \$5.00.

—"What is our desire?" is the subject of the meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., at Hancock church, next Monday evening.

—The new year is number one at the beginning and will be number one to the end. See! Be good to us all 1891.

—Mrs. L. H. Putnam, Hancock ave., will begin a new term of her private school Jan. 5, 1891. Pupils may enter at any time.

—William Power Wilson, Esq., has entered upon his duties as executor of the will of the late Mrs. Francis B. Hayes, of Oakmount.

—Town meeting next Monday afternoon, Jan. 5th, and don't you forget it. No slang intended,—we only wish to impress on our readers the importance of attending the meeting.

—The Selectmen held two meetings this week. They met Wednesday to close up business for the year and yesterday afternoon was the regular date for meeting.

—Sunday was a genuine winter day and we think all enjoyed the novelty. Everything which would go on runners was out and the sleighing was excellent and enjoyed in spite of nipping air sharply blown by Jack Frost.

—The Male Chorus gives their first concert of the season in Town Hall, next Wednesday evening, Jan. 7th. This is their fifth season which speaks volumes for the success of this musical organization.

—The Chautauqua circle held a pleasant meeting at the residence of Mrs. Alfred Pierce, Monday, Dec. 29. The time was devoted to readings from Ivanhoe; Essay, Elizabeth's suitors, by Miss Roberts; speaking, Mrs. Childs; music, Mrs. Pierce.

—A letter received on Monday, from a friend, written at Lancaster, in northern New Hampshire, says it has been the coldest December remembered for a number of years. At the time of writing it was 30 degrees below zero, but a coming snow storm promised a moderation of the extreme cold.

—The Hancock Y. P. S. C. E. will hold their first meeting in the new year on Monday evening, at 7.30 p.m. Leader, F. M. Prescott. Subject, "What is our desire?" They are always glad to welcome any who care to attend these meetings. At the last meeting seven new names were proposed for active and two for associate membership.

—At a meeting of the Toboggan Club, held Tuesday evening, Dec. 30, T. G. Whiting was elected general coast manager in place of F. O. Vaille, resigned. Norris Comely and Fred L. Bailey were elected assistant coast managers. Eight new members were elected and a committee appointed to take charge of getting up a dance, to be given in the near future in the interest of the club. The slide will be put in first class order and, weather permitting, will be open this (Friday) evening. That members and the public may know when the slide is open, the Maltese cross in red will be hung up in the post office.

—A missionary concert was given in Hancock church, Sunday evening, the same being under the auspices of the Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor connected with the society. The exercises were conducted by Christopher Hamlin, chairman of the committee on missions, and the exercises were in every way interesting and entertaining. Short reports were read from the various foreign mission fields as follows:—India, D. S. Muzzey; Japan, Miss Emma Nichols; China, Chas. Currier; Africa, Fred Prescott; Papua Islands, Miss Grace Goodwin; Micronesia, Miss Edith Harrington. A statistical report was read by Edw. P. Merriam, which was a summary of the work accomplished through the Foreign Mission Board during 1890. Mr. F. E. Tufts beautifully rendered "One sweetly solemn thought," and a quartette, composed of Mrs. Lucy M. Whiting, Miss Lovejoy, Messrs. Tufts and Fred Emery, rendered quartette music during the service. Rev. Mr. Porter took this occasion to thank the young people for their Christmas present to him of a handsome gold Christian Endeavor badge. This meeting was an introduction to a series of similar ones which are to follow under the direction of the young people of the church.

—There was a mistake in the announcement in regard to the exhibition of bakemince meat at Spaulding's grocery. The exhibition will be on Wednesday Thursday of next week.

—The dancing school was omitted this week owing to the illness of Miss Devoll. The class will not meet next Monday as the town meeting takes place at that time.

—The Tourist Club resumed their Monday meetings this week. The ladies met with Miss Hamlin, on Bloomfield street, and the subject for the afternoon was prominent men in the time of Sir Walter Scott.

—The first meeting under the auspices of the new Young People's Guild of the Unitarian church, will be held Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock, in the vestry of the church. The meeting will be conducted by Mr. Harry Putnam, the subject being "The Proposed Work of the New Guild."

—A sociable and supper was held at the Baptist church, Tuesday evening, an excellent spread being served at seven o'clock, to which a representative number of the society participated. The evening which followed was spent in a social manner. An entertainment which added to the pleasure of all consisted of a piano duet, quartette and trio, vocal selections, readings and a violin solo.

—Tuesday night, at the Massachusetts House, parties were present on pleasure bent, numbering in all two hundred and fifty persons. The Chelsea Ramblers, a bicycle club, made one of the parties, a large number of married couples came from Waltham, a large party of young people from Malden, and the boat sleigh "Mayflower," from Boston, brought a large crowd, besides a party of twenty from Cambridge.

—There was a special meeting of Hancock Cong. society held at the church Wednesday, to take action on the resignation of Rev. Edw. G. Porter. It was voted to accept the same in spite of the regret felt at losing so efficient a pastor who, it could not be denied, was eminently fitted for a broader field of work. A committee, consisting of C. C. Goodwin and Geo. F. Chapman, was selected to unite with M. H. Merriam, B. C. Witcher and Dea. Baker (representing the church) to issue the church letter calling a council to take formal action in the matter.

—Mr. C. F. Jones, the new proprietor of the news stand, owned for some years the old Fidd farm which he sold a couple of years ago to Mr. F. O. Vaille. Mr. Jones resided here for some time previous to the disposal of the property and his return to Lexington as a citizen and business man will be welcomed by many old friends. He has been for twenty-one years employed in the office of the Cambridge Gas Co., and has just disposed of his interest in one of the large livery stables of that city which he has been conducting up to the present time.

—Mr. H. H. Harding, who has for several years been proprietor of the news and periodical store on Main street, has sold the business, stock and fixtures to Mr. F. C. Jones. The transfer was made yesterday and Mr. Jones starts in with the new year as proprietor of a business which Mr. Harding has been successful in building up since he has been in charge of the same. All we can wish for the new proprietor is that the success of his predecessor may revert to him. Mr. Harding has disposed of the business to enable him to accept the highly advantageous position offered him as treasurer of the Griffiths Steam Laundry Co., of Boston. This position of trust brings with it a salary which will be an ample reward for the duties required and Mr. Harding makes the change with a reasonable assurance of success in his new field of business efforts. We wish to take this opportunity to thank him for his many acts of kindness and for the efficiency with which he has acted as agent for the Minute-man. All business through him has been transacted with a dispatch and accuracy which has been highly gratifying to all who have had experience in these matters.

—There are eight articles in the warrant for next Monday's town meeting and six of them refer to the building of the new school house. This matter of building a new school house is so big an undertaking it is likely to be one of the chief topics for some time, but let us be careful that it does not prove a bone of contention. Experience in the past should have taught us a lesson in discretion to last for some time. Article eight refers to the laying out of Bedford St. on petition of J. P. Reed and others and is a reasonable request. The meeting is called at the request of the committee on the building of the Hancock school and as they state in a full printed report "that there may be no misunderstanding relative to the object of the meeting." In closing the report reads:—"We recommend that we be authorized to make changes in our contract substantially as above suggested, to purchase the land referred to and to furnish the new building, and that the net proceeds of the in-

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.
Lectures, entertainments, etc., to mission fees is charged, must be advertised, by the line.
This afternoon (Friday) the King's Daughters meet with Mrs. Wetherbee.
Next week is known as "The Week of Prayer" in evangelical churches.
The annual meeting of Hancock Congregational church occurs this (Friday) evening.
The Chautauqua Circle met with Mrs. Alfred Pierce, on Monday afternoon.
The Independence Lodge, A. O. U. W., hold their annual business meeting, Jan. 13th.
The house owned by Mr. H. B. Davis was insured for \$500.00 through the agency of C. T. West.
Next Sunday will be the usual time for the annual election of officers of the Baptist Sunday school.
Rev. L. B. Hatch proposes to continue his lectures on his visit to California on Sunday evening at seven o'clock, at the Baptist church.
The Christmas donation of the Congregational society to the manger was about double that of last year. Five barrels were packed and sent on Friday, Dec. 27, to city missionary Waldron, to be distributed at his discretion among the poor of Boston.
Mrs. F. O. Vaille, who lives on Bedford street, had the meeting of the Monday Club at her home on Monday afternoon. The hostess read a paper prepared by her on the subject of "Effect of Greek drama in French literature."
Rev. E. G. Porter, as in years past, on the last Sunday of the year offered silver medals to those scholars of the Sunday school who should be present every Sunday during the year. The medal is the well known "Lexington medal."
The Christmas music prepared by the choir of the Hancock church and given under the direction of the chorister the Sunday previous to Christmas, was repeated, by earnest request, on Sunday last and on this occasion was in every way as excellent as when given the first time.
David S. Muzzey received at Christmas time four volumes on English literature, bound in elegant crimson morocco, and bearing the imprint of Harvard University in gilt, as a reward given by the college for first rank in class scholarship. These books are a memento one might well be proud of.
The Young Peoples' Christian Endeavor society hold their Sunday afternoon meeting as usual, in Village Hall, at 3.15, with C. B. Darling as the leader. The subject will be from John 21: 22. These meetings have been very successful, the one of last Sunday afternoon being especially so and the attendance was large, almost filling the hall.
The snow and fine sleighing has inaugurated a season of high carnival in Lexington. Our streets have been alive with the merry sounds wafted on the air in the wake of sleighing parties from all the neighboring cities and towns. The Massachusetts House has been the chief resort of these parties, the Russell House being obliged to refuse hospitality so eagerly sought by parties in past years, owing to the number of permanent boarders making their home there during the winter.
The Massachusetts House was filled with guests in every nook and corner on Monday evening, sleighing parties coming to this popular winter resort from all the towns and cities within ten miles, at least. Landlord Carter and his able clerk did all possible to make the different parties have a good time and we think they must have been eminently successful in their efforts. A large party, on pleasure bent, came from Cambridge and another equally large from Medford and smaller groups of guests represented Lynn, Malden, Somerville, etc. Fully one hundred and fifty persons put up at this house on Monday, which was only a sample of those which were to follow during the week of fine sleighing.
The Sunday school of the First Parish church observed the great church festival the Sunday following Christmas, with a concert exercise last Sunday evening, in the church. The interior was decorated in an appropriate manner, the pulpit and choir balcony being draped with evergreen and an elegant floral piece was placed in the font. The opening carol "Waken Christian children," was followed by responsive reading in which the school and Rev. C. A. Staples, (who acts as the superintendent as well as being the pastor of the parish took part in an effective manner. The exercise was profuse in its bright carols, all heralding the birth of Christ, and were fine in sentiment and many very excellent musical compositions, but the titles are omitted as they were so similar although the music was all varied and taking. The choir of the church, under

the direction of the leader, had an important part in the rendering of the music and in the responsive exercises, this chorus choir of young people giving life to the singing of the carols. A solo was rendered by Mrs. Howes, of Boston, and recitations were given by Lena Grozier and Clara McIntyre and the closing exercises were quite as appropriate as those which opened the service. Rev. Mr. Staples gave a brief address, in which suggestions were made as to how Christmas could be continued through all the year.
Mr. Malloy's reading comes next week Wednesday, at Mass. House.
Timothy Shay was in court on Friday for drunkenness the day previous. He was fined \$5.00.
What is our desire? is the subject of the meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., at Hancock church, next Monday evening.
The new year is number one at the beginning and will be number one to the end. See! Be good to us all 1891.
Mrs. L. H. Putnam, Hancock ave., will begin a new term of her private school Jan. 5, 1891. Pupils may enter at any time.
William Power Wilson, Esq., has entered upon his duties as executor of the will of the late Mrs. Francis B. Hayes, of Oakmount.
Town meeting next Monday afternoon, Jan. 5th, and don't you forget it. No slang intended,—we only wish to impress on our readers the importance of attending the meeting.
The Selectmen held two meetings this week. They met Wednesday to close up business for the year and yesterday afternoon was the regular date for meeting.
Sunday was a genuine winter day and we think all enjoyed the novelty. Everything which would go on runners was out and the sleighing was excellent and enjoyed in spite of nipping air sharply blown by Jack Frost.
The Male Chorus gives their first concert of the season in Town Hall, next Wednesday evening, Jan. 7th. This is their fifth season which speaks volumes for the success of this musical organization.
The Chautauqua circle held a pleasant meeting at the residence of Mrs. Alfred Pierce, Monday, Dec. 29. The time was devoted to readings from Ivanhoe; Essay, Elizabeth's suitors, by Miss Roberts; speaking, Mrs. Childs; music, Mrs. Pierce.
A letter received on Monday, from a friend, written at Lancaster, in northern New Hampshire, says it has been the coldest December remembered for a number of years. At the time of writing it was 30 degrees below zero, but a coming snow storm promised a moderation of the extreme cold.
The Hancock Y. P. S. C. E. will hold their first meeting in the new year on Monday evening, at 7.30, p. m. Leader, F. M. Prescott. Subject, "What is our desire?" They are always glad to welcome any who care to attend these meetings. At the last meeting seven new names were proposed for active and two for associate membership.
At a meeting of the Toboggan Club, held Tuesday evening, Dec. 30, T. G. Whiting was elected general coast manager in place of F. O. Vaille, resigned. Norris Conley and Fred L. Bailey were elected assistant coast managers. Eight new members were elected and a committee appointed to take charge of getting up a dance, to be given in the near future in the interest of the club. The slide will be put in first class order and, weather permitting, will be open this (Friday) evening. That members and the public may know when the slide is open, the Maltese cross in red will be hung up in the post office.
A missionary concert was given in Hancock church, Sunday evening, the same being under the auspices of the Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor connected with the society. The exercises were conducted by Christopher Hamlin, chairman of the committee on missions, and the exercises were in every way interesting and entertaining. Short reports were read from the various foreign mission fields as follows:—India, D. S. Muzzey; Japan, Miss Emma Nichols; China, Chas. Currier; Africa, Fred Prescott; Papal lands, Miss Grace Goodwin; Micronesia, Miss Edith Harrington. A statistical report was read by Edw. P. Merriam, which was a summary of the work accomplished through the Foreign Mission Board during 1890. Mr. F. E. Tufts beautifully rendered "One sweetly solemn thought," and a quartette, composed of Mrs. Lucy M. Whiting, Miss Lovejoy, Messrs. Tufts and Fred Emery, rendered quartette music during the service. Rev. Mr. Porter took this occasion to thank the young people for their Christmas present to him of a handsome gold Christian Endeavor badge. This meeting was an introduction to a series of similar ones which are to follow under the direction of the young people of the church.

There was a mistake in the announcement in regard to the exhibition of baking mince meat at Spaulding's grocery. The exhibition will be on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.
The dancing school was omitted this week owing to the illness of Miss Devoll. The class will not meet next Monday as the town meeting takes place at that time.
The Tourist Club resumed their Monday meetings this week. The ladies met with Miss Hamlin, on Bloomfield street, and the subject for the afternoon was prominent men in the time of Sir Walter Scott.
The first meeting under the auspices of the new Young People's Guild of the Unitarian church, will be held Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock, in the vestry of the church. The meeting will be conducted by Mr. Harry Putnam, the subject being "The Proposed Work of the New Guild."
A sociable and supper was held at the Baptist church, Tuesday evening, an excellent spread being served at seven o'clock, to which a representative number of the society participated. The evening which followed was spent in a social manner. An entertainment which added to the pleasure of all consisted of a piano duet, quartette and trio, vocal sections, readings and a violin solo.
Tuesday night, at the Massachusetts House, parties were present on pleasure trip, numbering in all two hundred and fifty persons. The Chelsea Ramblers, a table club, made one of the parties, a large number of married couples came from Waltham, a large party of young people from Malden, and the boat sleigh "Myfower," from Boston, brought a large crowd, besides a party of twenty from Cambridge.
There was a special meeting of Hancock Cong. society held at the church Wednesday, to take action on the resignation of Rev. Edw. G. Porter. It was voted to accept the same in spite of the regret felt at losing so efficient a pastor who it could not be denied, was eminently fitted for a broader field of work. A committee, consisting of C. C. Goodwin and Geo. F. Chapman, was selected to unite with M. H. Merriam, B. C. Withler and Dea. Baker (representing the church) to issue the church letter calling a council to take formal action in the matter.
Mr. C. F. Jones, the new proprietor of the news stand, owned for some years the old Tidd farm which he sold a couple of years ago to Mr. F. O. Vaille. Mr. Jones resided here for some time previous to the disposal of the property at his return to Lexington as a citizen. A business man will be welcomed by his old friends. He has been for twenty-one years employed in the office of the Cambridge Gas Co., and has just disposed of his interest in one of the large livery stables of that city which he has been conducting up to the present time.
Mr. H. H. Harding, who has for several years been proprietor of the news and periodical store on Main street, has sold the business, stock and fixtures to Mr. F. C. Jones. The transfer was made yesterday and Mr. Jones starts in with the new year as proprietor of a business which Mr. Harding has been successful in building up since he has been in charge of the same. All we can wish for the new proprietor is that the success of his predecessor may revert to him. Mr. Harding has disposed of the business to enable him to accept the highly advantageous position offered him as treasurer of the Griffiths Steam Laundry Co., of Boston. This position of trust brings with it a salary which will be an ample reward for the duties required and Mr. Harding makes the change with a reasonable assurance of success in his new field of business efforts. We wish to take this opportunity to thank him for his many acts of kindness and for the efficiency with which he has acted as agent for the Minute-man. All business through him has been transacted with a dispatch and accuracy which has been highly gratifying to all who have had experience in these matters.
There are eight articles in the warrant for next Monday's town meeting and six of them refer to the building of the new school house. This matter of building a new school house is so big an undertaking it is likely to be one of the chief topics for some time, but let us be careful that it does not prove a bone of contention. Experience in the past should have taught us a lesson in discretion to last for some time. Article eight refers to the laying out of Bedford St. on petition of J. P. Reed and others and is a reasonable request. The meeting is called at the request of the committee on the building of the Hancock school and as they state in a full printed report "that there may be no misunderstanding relative to the object of the meeting." In closing the report reads:—"We recommend that we be authorized to make changes in our contract substantially as above suggested, to purchase the land referred to and to furnish the new building, and that the net proceeds of the in-

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insurance and sale of the old building and site be appropriated for these purposes." The report should be carefully read over and the matter proposed, calmly considered. It strikes us that all the suggestions, recommendations and changes in plan of building are good.
What promises to be a most interesting affair has been planned by the committee in charge of the entertainment at the Unitarian vestry. On next Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, a series of readings will be given by Miss Annie Coffin, of Somerville, who has, within the last few years, gained quite a reputation as an elocutionist. Miss Coffin will be assisted by Miss Moore, Mr. Phipps and others who are well known to Lexington people, and whose songs are always received with delight. An admission fee of twenty-five cents will be charged, and a crowded house should welcome them.
The only social event which marked the advent of the new year, as far as we have learned, was the New Year assembly held at the Russell House New Year eve. The managers of the party were Messrs. E. P. Merriam, W. D. Brown, H. S. Raymond, Geo. D. Gilmore, and under their combined efforts a charming social dancing party was the result. About fifty responded to the handsome invitations sent out quite generally and the fact of its being a subscription party made it select and agreeable in all respects for the guests who participated. The hall presented a pretty appearance in its holiday decoration deftly arranged by the proprietor of the house for Christmas, and the music was very delightful as furnished by Cheney, these attractions adding not a little to the success of the gathering. The party was opened with a slight degree of formality made necessary by the introduction of the guests to the matrons who received, for the managers, but this is understood at private dancing parties and rather lends an elegance to the affair than otherwise. The matrons on this occasion were Mrs. B. F. Brown, Mrs. Geo. O. Whiting and Mrs. Hammon Reed. The two first mentioned ladies wore elegant toilettes of black velvet and Mrs. Reed was in a rich dress of steel colored satin. The party was a dressy one, the young ladies appearing in light evening toilettes, and the dancing was continued through the evening with full enjoyment, till half-past twelve, politely showing the old year out and then graciously dancing 1891 in. Refreshments of ice cream and cake, furnished by a caterer, were served at half-past ten, making an agreeable break in the dancing. The list of those present, prominent in social gatherings, has been given us as follows:—
Miss Alice and Miss Anstiss Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Goodwin, Miss Grace Goodwin, Miss Alice Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Reed, Mr. Monford Mills, Mr. Gilbert, Miss Emma Nichols, Miss Lillian Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harmon, Miss Ada and Miss Nellie Mae Holt, Miss Ida Butters, Mr. Fred Emery, Mr. Reubin Sherburne, Mr. Fred Emery, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Russell, Mr. W. K. Shaw, Miss May Sherburne, Miss Alice M. Harrington, Mr. Chas. Swat, Mr. Chas. B. Davis, Miss Emma and Miss Jessie Whiting and Miss Moore.

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Of tender and beautiful themes—
Of home and of peace and of trust;
Of the flowers that blush by the streams,
And not of the blight and the rust—
Not the poet who sings of his cares
And the woes of a spirit forlorn,
Who finds all the chaff and the tares
But never the wheat and the corn;
Who holds up a picture of life
That makes us feel dismal and blue,
To think all is evil and strife,
And nothing is honest and true;
Who says he is weary and worn,
That fate has been harsh and unkind,
That the blush and the dew of the morn
He has left several ages behind;
That his faith has been turned into doubt,
His wine into wormwood and gall,
That the hope of his life has gone out
And hope is beyond his recall.
Good luck to the poet who tells
Of simple things, tender and sweet,
Of the grace of the lilies' white bells
And the roses that blush at our feet;
Of the birds and their carols of glee
And the innocent pleasure they bring;
Of the cool soothing waves of the sea
And the slumber-sweet anthems they sing.
Of the sparkle of hope's golden star,
And of faith that can see through the mist
To the glorious landscape afar
That the sunshine of patience has kissed;
Of the deeds of the just and upright
And the good they shall reap by and by,
Of the morn that will follow the night,
And of light far beyond the blue sky.
—[Hattie Whitney in Washington Star.]

CATHIE'S LESSON.

BY HELEN FORREST GRAVES.

"Oh, how I wish I were Mrs. Weld!" sighed poor little Cathie Brown, as she moved closer to the starveling bit of fire in the grate, and threaded her needle with a piece of amethyst colored silk.
She was working on a dress of royal purple velvet, trimmed with white chenille, lying across its seams like ridges of newly fallen snow, and priceless Valenciennes lace—alas! what contrast to her own dress of faded delaine, and the frayed linen collar that encircled her throat.
"Wishes are cheap," retorted Dorcas Syme, her fellow-lodger, a dumpy pleasant little damsel who was busily engaged in the not very profitable vocation of shirt-making. "But what put that particular ambition in your head just now?"
"Oh, I was thinking how nice it must be to wear silks and velvets all the time, and ride in one's own carriage, and not be obliged to turn every penny half a dozen times over before one spends it," sighed Cathie. "I don't see, Dorcas, why people's lots in life should be so different—why Mrs. Weld should be luxuriating in wealth and I so miserably poor! I should be perfectly happy if I were as rich as Mrs. Weld!"
Cathie looked piteously down at her worn shoes as she spoke, and then at the scantily furnished room, with its frost-brocaded windows, and the carefully hoarded stock of coals in the corner.
"Perfectly happy!" repeated Dorcas, rather incredulously. "It takes a good many things to make people perfectly happy."
"Oh, but I know I should be perfectly happy if I were only as rich as Mrs. Weld," reiterated Cathie, with sparkling eyes and crimsoning cheeks. "I would wear diamonds and go to the opera every night, and—"
She checked herself abruptly in the list of beauties, as a sharp, petulant knock resounded on the panels of the door.
"Now then, Miss Brown, is the dress of my mistress done yet, or not?"
Cathie descended at once from the heights of imaginary bliss to the prosaic realities of her work-day life. Mrs. Weld's maid stood confronting her, sharp, imperious and domineering.
"I'm very sorry," began Cathie, but it isn't quite done yet, and—"
"Very well," snapped the Abigail, turning tartly away; "then you may bring it home yourself when you have finished it. I can't go trotting up and down three flights of stairs half a dozen times a day for any one, and so I tell you. And mind, Miss What-do-they-call-you, you're not later than nine, for if my mistress don't have the dress to wear tonight, it'll be the last jab of sewing you'll do for her."
And she had flounced out of the room before poor bewildered Cathie had time to reply.
"Can I help you?" asked thoughtful Dorcas, glancing first at the clock, and then at her companion's unfinished work.
"Oh, no, thank you; I am nearly through," said Cathie, with a sigh. "I hope she will pay me tonight, Dorcas—I do so much need a new shawl."
Two hours later Cathie Brown, with

the rich velvet dress neatly pinned up in a towel, stood tapping at Mrs. Weld's gilded boudoir door.
"Is that the dressmaker? Come in," said the great lady's languid voice, and Cathie meekly obeyed.
Mrs. Weld was sitting before her dressing-glass, with her maid busily engaged in brushing out her beautiful and luxuriant hair. Rich laces and delicate embroideries lay around, pearls glimmered whitely from velvet caskets on the dressing-table, and cut-glass bottles poured forth fragrant streams of perfume, while an exquisite bouquet, in its silver holder, occupied a standard on a fairy-like gilt table just beneath the chandelier.
"It seems to be very nicely made," said Mrs. Weld, glancing critically at the work. "Give me my purse, Rachel. I suppose, young woman, you would like to be paid tonight?"
"If you please, ma'am," said blushing Cathie, wishing again, from the very depths of her unsophisticated little heart, that she were Mrs. Weld, and owned all the rolls of bills and gleaming gold pieces in the plethoric purse.
While Mrs. Weld was yet leisurely turning over the contents of the portmanteau there was a tumult of steps and voices on the stairs, and the next moment the boudoir door was thrown furiously open to admit the staggering footsteps of a boy of about eighteen, evidently very far gone in liquor.
"Money, mother—I want more money," bellowed the hopeful scion of a proud old family, staring vacantly around him, while Mrs. Weld burst into tears, and covered her face with her hands, in passionate grief.
"Oh, Martin! Martin, my boy! you promised me this should not occur again."
"Promised!" hissed Mr. Weld's deep voice in the background. "Look at the result of your weak indulgence and fatal kindness. You have deceived me and ruined your son. Are you satisfied at last? He has forged the name of one of his employers to obtain money to discharge some gambling debt, and the officers of justice are already on his track. Ay, you may well weep!"
For poor Mrs. Weld had fallen back, with the pearls half wreathed amid her golden hair and the diamonds blazing on her arms, in a violent fit of hysterics.
"Alas! alas! what will become of me!" she wailed. "I am the most miserable woman in the world! My son is ruined and my husband has ceased to love me. Oh, I wish—I wish I were dead!"
And in the midst of all this confusion Cathie Brown crept quietly away, and returned to her humble room, where Dorcas was singing to herself as she sewed.
"Did you get the money?" questioned Dorcas, glancing up as her companion entered. "Why, Cathie, what makes you look so pale?"
"No, I did not get the money, Dorcas. Oh, Dorcas, I was so wrong when I said this afternoon that I should be perfectly happy if I were as rich as Mrs. Weld."
And Cathie sat down and repeated what she had just witnessed to Dorcas.
"I rise early and retire late," she said, in a low voice; "my dress is plain and my food scanty, while I am forced to toil for a living; but I would not exchange lots with Mrs. Weld now."
Cathie Brown had learned a lesson within the last hour, a lesson whose effects were destined to endure throughout her whole life-time. She never again sighed for mere wealth.
[The Weekly.]

A Lunatic's Wonderful Faculty.
A patient formerly confined in the Hospital for the Insane in this city seemed fond of reading, and in taking up a newspaper it was noticed that he would read aloud without hesitation whether the paper was sideways or bottom side up. As a further test of his powers one of the attendants held a newspaper spread out before him, keeping it continually turning around, still, with wonderful ease, the lunatic continued to read uninterruptedly. To test him still further a reel was procured and the newspaper spread out and attached to the arms, the whole then placed before the patient. No matter how rapidly the reel was turned the wonderful creature would read article after article aloud without seeming to be disturbed in the least. We have never heard whether the singular phenomenon was continued, or even whether the patient is still living or not.—[Hartford Post.]

Frank Della Torre, of Baltimore, Md., has invented an instrument which he calls the eophone, by which he claims that all sounds can be heard and located on the darkest night and in the thickest weather.

SIBERIAN ROADS.

Their Horrors Described in Vivid Colors.

Travel Along Them Is One Series of Hardships.

A correspondent of the Novoye Vremya describes the horrors of the Siberian roads in vivid colors. There is only one road from Irkutsk to Yakutsk. You have to cross the river Lena, in summer by boats, in the winter over the ice, but in the spring and autumn there is no means of crossing the river, and you have to wait for a more auspicious season. In the summer and winter, however, the road is quite to be relied on. There are post stations on it at intervals of from twenty-five to thirty versts. One can always find something at such stations to still hunger, although he must never expect to get a piece of white bread, a piece of meat, or a cup of tea. This is the state of affairs on the twenty-eight days' journey from Irkutsk to Yakutsk.
Quite different is it on the road from Yakutsk to the cities of Verkhovanka and Sredne-Kolymsk. You have to travel a distance of about 3,000 versts through an uninhabited country. If you find a small village of Yakoots on the road the people are so poor that they cannot help you. They have no cattle, they produce no grain; the importation of the necessities of life is quite insignificant. A dwelling is a mere shanty, with a fireplace in the middle and a hole in the ceiling for the smoke. When the air is damp and stationary the smoke will not escape and lingers in the yortas. Doors are sometimes wanting and windows are generally missing. Contagious diseases, diphtheria, small-pox, typhoid fever, are always to be found among the Yakoots, while medical help is nowhere to be found.
Terrible as such yortas are, one is rejoiced if he reaches one, but they occur very seldom on the road. The traveler has to proceed seventy or a hundred versts before he finds, not a yortas, but a povarnya, in which to rest himself. A povarnya is an enclosure of four walls with a roof to it. There are no windows, no doors, no fireplaces, and certainly not a human being to lend one a helping hand within two hundred versts. Tired and famished, traveling on a bad road, frozen to the bones and pinched with hunger, the traveler arriving at such a povarnya must dig out some wood from under the snow to build a fire to melt snow. He is happy when the fire gets ablaze and he can warm up his stiffened limbs, undress, and rest himself. But that rest becomes a torture, for he must remain in that lonely barn two or three days before he can proceed. There are no horses and deer in such povarnyas, and one must wait until a team that goes in the direction he requires comes on, or until his own animals are sufficiently recovered to proceed.
Those poor animals must in the mean time be fed on whatever can be dug up for them from under the snow. The regular post stations on that road, called the slanky, are at intervals of about 200 versts apart, and so poorly provided that one seldom finds there either horses or deer or fodder for his own animals, or even food for himself. It sometimes happens that a traveller stopping at such a station to wait for animals to carry him onward, in case his own animals fall from exhaustion or want of food, must eat the flesh of his own dead brute, if he is unwilling or unable to keep a long fast. With the rickety vehicles on that road and their frequent breaking, the marshes to be crossed on thin ice or to be waded if the wagon gets stuck—a whole book could be filled with the description of such incidents!
Such is the travelling in the winter, with the temperature varying between zero and seventy degrees Celsius of cold. In the summer you have to wait sometimes for many days for a rat or a raft to take you across a river. There are no regular rafts crossing the rivers, but you must wait for a party of Yakoots or exiles who are swimming wood from one river to another. In the autumn and spring again, there is practically no travelling on those roads, and the unfortunate wayfarer who happens to live in those parts at such seasons of a year must do the best he can—stop at a post station and whistle for hanger, and wait for the best to happen.
An Indianapolis (Ind.) man has constructed a bicycle of steel tubing and aluminum, which, though exceptionally light, is claimed to be practically unbreakable.

Squaws Wailing for Their Dead.

Skimming along on all kinds of incidents and scenes associated with the recent upheaval of the Sioux, I recall the meeting of Buffalo Bill's Indians and their relatives at Rushville, a town on the Elkhorn Railroad, twenty-six miles from the reservation. There were nearly sixty bucks in Bill's party and most of them had been in Europe for two years or more. Six of the original party had died abroad. Mosquito was killed in the arena by a buffalo. Another Sioux had been mauled by a train, and influenza had carried away the rest of the unfortunates. It was rather an unpleasant time, considering the excited condition of the Sioux at Pine Ridge, to return with all this bad news, for Maj. Burke, who was in charge of the party, was aware that the relatives of the dead warriors would be at the railroad station when the train arrived at Rushville.
It was also interesting to notice the change of expression of the Indians in the cars as they neared their old home. Until the great bridge which spans the Nebraska was reached the bucks were boisterous and happy, but the instant the long train began to creak over the bridge every head was thrust out of the window, and then began one of those weird songs an Indian sometimes sings. The bucks became uneasy and apprehensive. They were nearing their agency, which to them meant a winter in a bleak country, with little food and squalid lodgings. It was after 1 o'clock in the morning when the train finally stopped at Rushville.
Almost instantly the platforms were besieged by bucks and squaws, who eagerly scanned the faces of the travelers. Rocky Bear's squaw found her lord, but the mother of Mosquito, although she ran from car to car, could not find her boy. "He's dead, he's dead," the woman cried out in Sioux, and then her lamentations arose like the wail of a spirit. Other cries burst from all parts of the train as the fate of the unfortunates was made known, and all through the night the wailing from the Indian village swept over the plains like the snarling and yelping of jackals.

A Deaf and Dumb Rooster.
A gentleman living on the outskirts of the city, near Black Rock, owns a curiosity the like of which Barnum never dreamed of. It is a deaf-and-dumb-rooster—a full-grown, brilliantly plumed, brown Leghorn chanticleer—that has lost his voice, can neither crow nor cluck, nor make any other audible sound with his vocal apparatus; does not wake up the neighborhood at 5 o'clock in the morning with an everlasting cock-a-doodle-deo; does not give an alarm of hawks every time a black cloud crosses the sun, but is still as much the lord of the chicken park as ever.
He has not always been thus. Up to the time he was eight months old he was as noisy as any young rooster need be. Then he got his head caught in a barbed-wire fence in such a way as to mangle his neck and probably tear out the vocal cords. Losing the power to make sounds, he evidently forgot how to hear them. At least now, at the age of three years, he gives no evidence of hearing. But he makes his eyes answer for ears and voice, too. If anyone wanted proof that he was really deaf and dumb, those eyes would be convincing.
There is nothing he does not see. When the first glow of sunrise appears he begins the duties of the day by rousing all the rest of the fowls in the henery in his own original way. He walks around to each one and kicks it off its perch. There is no resisting such an invitation to get up. It's much more effective than crowing. When he gets a challenge to fight he does not stop to announce what he can do. He goes and does it. And his battles are all victories.
The most remarkable thing about this intelligent bird, however, is the fact that though deaf, he can distinguish between the admonition to "shoo" and a request to come to dinner. How he does it is a mystery, but it is believed that he tells by motion of the lips and general attitude of the person who addresses him.—[Buffalo Express.]

A Timely Suggestion.
Mr. Lingerhight—I believe, Miss Nora, that in the profession I was speaking of I could achieve great results.
Miss Nora—But, my dear friend, you have had no experience, have you?
Mr. L.—Very true, but a man never knows what he can do until he lets himself out.
Voice from Hallway—The proper thing for a man to do when he lets himself out is to make tracks for home.—[Boston Courier.]

The Stinger Song.

Love, the thief, chanced on a day
Near the bees to linger,
When a naughty one, they say,
Stung him on the finger.
Oh, the wound, it hurt him so!
How he blew and shook it!
How he stomped and danced with woe,
Then to mother took it.
Spreading all his fingers he
Sobbed to Aphrodite:
"Mother, little is the bee,
But its sting is mighty!"
Then the Queen of Passion smiled,
And she answered merely:
"You are small yourself, my child,
But you wound severely."
—[From the Greek of Theocritus.]

HUMOROUS.

The road-bed rails at the locomotive for running over it.
People crossed in love are apt to be very cross afterwards.
As they parted—"A lass," sighed he. "Ah, men," wept she.
The person who can least spare it is often most willing to give others a piece of his mind.
In order to stand up under misfortune it frequently becomes necessary to stand up one's friends.
It is easier to manage a switch than a train. This is a fashion note or a railway item, just as you please.
Teacher—What is absolutely necessary to enable a man to get along well in this wicked world? Johnny—A rattling good pair of legs.
The watchmaker is doomed to perpetual apprenticeship. Even when he pretends to be in business for himself he is really "serving his time."
Unprejudiced sympathy is always with the under dog in the fight. In a cat fight sympathy for the under cat is misplaced. The under animal is in scratching position and has the best of it.
Tommy—How much will you charge me for a bicycle for this afternoon, Mr. Wheeler? Proprietor—Fifty cents for the first hour; twenty-five cents an hour after that. Tommy—Well, I think I will come around here an hour later.

Mexican Method of Threshing.

Between donkeys and men is divided also the work of bringing to market fodder from the threshing-floors. The Mexican method of threshing—save on a few great haciendas, where American machinery is used—is of the Scriptural sort; the grain in the ear is laid on the threshing-floor, and horses and cattle or goats are driven over it; after which the straw is removed and the grain is winnowed from the chaff by throwing both together by the shovelful into the air when a brisk wind is blowing. The straw thus obtained, being softened and broken into short lengths, is eaten by asses and even by horses with relish—indeed, a serious objection on the part of Mexican farmers to American threshing machines is that the threshed straw remains unbroken and hard.
In order to bring it to market the fodder is baled in a netting of cords, and as the bales are large and are packed solidly they make a load that no one but a professional burden-bearer could carry far. This whole process is very like that pursued in the south of France, where the grain is threshed on a threshing-floor by dragging it over a heavy wooden roller, and is winnowed by throwing it against the wind, and where the bruised straw is brought to the barns baled in sheets; but in France the bales are loaded on wagons, not on the backs of men.—[Harper's Weekly.]

Tree Blasting.

The engineers conducting the survey of the Burmah railway lines have adopted a novel method for removing the gigantic forest trees obstructing the projected route through the jungles of the Irrawaddi River. Instead of felling the tree by the slow process of axe-work, they blast it out of the way by means of dynamite cartridges.
Their method consists in first firing a rifle-ball into the trunk of the tree, penetrating the green wood to a depth of six or seven inches. Into that aperture they then insert an explosive cartridge, attach a burning fuse and step aside; the result will splinter and overthrow a tree six feet in diameter.

Ministers Are Like Cats.

A prominent clergyman gives this description of the life of a minister:
"My experiences with churches make me think that ministers are like cats. When you go to a new place first everybody says:
"Come pussy! come pussy! nice pussy," and you come.
Then they begin to rub your fur and say:
"Poor pussy! poor pussy!" and then they say, "Scat!"—[New York Tribune.]

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Mother—Well, I wish you would step in somewhere and buy me a broom.—[New York Weekly.]

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AGRICULTURAL.

TOPICS OF INTEREST RELATIVE TO FARM AND GARDEN.

LOSS OF CUD.
What is commonly called loss of cud is a suspension of the act of rumination by reason of indigestion. It accompanies inaction of the third stomach or of the rumen or first stomach. The remedy is to give a pint of linseed oil, followed by some warm linseed gruel. Abstinence from food is advisable for twenty-four hours, giving only the gruel. After twenty-four hours, give a bran mash and some cut feed in small quantity. The feeding should be light for a few days, but plenty of water may be given.—[New York Times.]

CARROTS FOR HORSES.
Carrots contain a small proportion of moisture and more nutriment than most other roots. They are good for cows or horses, but seem to be especially adapted for the latter. Horse owners who can do so should grow carrots, and those who have not the proper land should buy enough carrots to give a ration every day through the winter. Give half as many oats as usual, and make up the deficiency with equal bulk of carrots, and most horses during winter will improve in appearance. The carrots give the animals a sleek coat, probably by helping the digestion. It is a diet of exclusively dry feed that makes the hair of many idle horses in winter dry and harsh. If the horse is working he will need the full ration of oats, but should be given a ration of carrots beside each day.—[Boston Cultivator.]

REARING TURKEYS.
Turkeys have the name of being delicate and difficult to raise, in consequence of which they are not often kept where they might be with advantage. In a suitable place turkeys are one of the most profitable of all domestic poultry. They are undoubtedly delicate if kept on damp soil, but where the ground is dry and the position not too exposed they will do well. A necessity to securing success is the provision of shelter for the young birds during that critical period known as "shooting the red." When about two months old, however the chicks are as hardy as other fowls and can brave the weather without injury. The prices obtained for prime turkeys and the heavy weights to which they can be forced to grow render them exceedingly profitable and well repay the extra care attendant on the chicks during the first two months of their lives.

The varieties of turkeys recognized by the American standard of perfection are bronze, Narragansett, buff, slate, black and white. The black turkey approaches most nearly to the wild bird in color, is the most rapid in growth, quickest to fatten, and, according to some authorities, the heaviest of all. The Narragansett and whites are the most domestic.—[New York World.]

CURE FOR A BROKEN LEG.
By the use of modern remedies almost any injury to an animal's limb may be repaired. Broken legs can be mended in the following manner: The animal is placed in slings so that the body can be supported in such a position that the feet just touch the ground without bearing any weight. The sling is made of some strong bagging sewn firmly on to two poles in such a manner that the cloth passes under the body, leaving the udder free, and is held in place by a strap around the neck and between the fore legs, and another around the breech to prevent slipping. The limb is brought into position and bandaged with a strip of gunny bagging around the broken part. Other strips are then dipped in plaster of paris, calcined for use in plastering, and made into a thin paste. These are wound around the leg eight or ten times, and then covered with a dry bandage which is sown together. The bandage must not be wound so tightly as to interfere with the circulation. In an hour or two the bandage becomes quite stiff, and holds the fractured limb firmly. In three weeks it may be removed, but the animal should be kept in the slings a week or ten days longer, until the union of the bone becomes firm.—[New York Times.]

GOOD POINTS OF ALFALFA.
Alfalfa is a perennial plant, in many respects resembling clover. It has long been known in Europe, and its most extensive cultivation in this country is in California and some of the Western and Southern States. It seems especially adapted to dry climates, and succeeds best on a light sandy or loam soil with a subsoil through which its long roots can penetrate and find their way to moisture. It has been grown successfully at the Geneva Station in New York, but in experiments on farms in different parts of Vermont has been largely winter killed. It will not thrive among weeds, but must have clean land the first year. In reply to inquiries that have been made, no better answer can be given than a brief statement of some of its bad and good points as discovered at different State stations throughout the country and summarized by the central office at Washington. Among its disadvantages it has been found less hardy than clover, and not so easily established. If allowed to grow too long the stalks become hard and woody. Cattle cannot be safely pastured on it except on dry regions. It requires peculiar treatment to make good hay. Its good qualities are that, when once established, it lasts for years. It withstands drought well, grows rapidly, and may be cut early, and will furnish several crops of green fodder each season. If properly cured it makes good hay, and is relished by all farm animals. In brief, while valuable as a feeding stuff and as a fertilizing crop, it requires peculiar conditions of climate and soil for its growth and careful culture and curing to make it a profitable crop.—[Courier-Journal.]

DEEP PLOWING.
On land that has been in cultivation

and has only been plowed shallow deep plowing all at once is not advisable. Properly managed there is no question but that, with a majority of soils, deep planting will be found much the best plan. Not only will the plants make a better growth, but as a rule they will withstand drought much better. But it is not best to deepen the plowing too much at one time, and especially so in the spring. If the plowing is to be deepened to any considerable extent the plowing should be done in the fall, as by this the elements will have all winter to work upon the soil, and make available the latent elements of plant food that are in it. To turn up onto the surface any considerable quantity of subsoil, then plant the seed is almost certain to give poor results. But by gradually increasing the depth, bringing up a little new soil every time the ground is plowed, deep plowing can be made very efficient. Of course in some soils deep plowing may not be best, but this is in exceptional cases. Plow deep and thorough, but cultivate shallow, stirring only the surface. This gives the roots opportunity to work their way down into the soil and at the same time avoids disturbing them in any way when giving the necessary cultivation. By working their way down into the soil they secure moisture that they would not find near the surface. Deep plowing aids the soil to retain moisture and also to hold fertility.—[Chicago Times.]

PRACTICAL DEHORNING.
Dehorning is coming into general practice in the West. Whoever has seen dehorned cattle confined in a small yard and eating like sheep out of one rack, or gathered together in groups for mutual protection from flies or cold, cannot but admit that dehorning is successful. There is no pushing the weaker ones to the outside nor gashing them with sharp horns. The fact that a cow does not shrink any in her milk and goes right to eating as soon as let loose, seems pretty good evidence that it is not such a painful or cruel practice as many imagine. The largest horns can be cut off in thirty seconds with a sharp saw and many of them in five seconds. Another method is to prevent the growth of the horns. Take young calves when they are one to three weeks old, wet the horn spots with water and with a stick of caustic potash rub the spots until the hair begins to loosen and come off of the horn spots. The peculiar action of the potash stops all growth of the horn and is not a very painful operation. Protect the fingers by wrapping the stick in paper.

The practice of dehorning cattle we believe to be beneficial as well as humane to the cattle. When the horns are taken off, cattle lose all desire to fight and drive each other around. They will do better in droves and can be confined with far greater safety in small yards and sheds, and will eat and herd together much like sheep. They do not require so much feed in winter to keep them warm, and in summer will keep together and protect themselves from flies. Bulls with their horns off are not so vicious and cannot do so much damage. In visiting the fairs this fall it was a common sight to see droves of cattle come in in which some of them had gashes three to six inches long from being hooked, and others had torn their horns off in fighting. This hurt the cattle far more than it would to cut the horns off. There are many other advantages to be derived from taking off the horns, and one would be the great saving of life to both man and animals.—[New England Homestead.]

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Close all unused gates.
Better feed cats than rats.
Be sure you dry the seed corn. Do it now.
Cultivate a large crop of small home pleasures.
Perhaps some poultry-keepers have egg-eating hens and do not know it.
Many more cows are worn out by underfeeding and poor care than by overwork.
There is a wealth of feeding material in an acre of fodder grown on good land with reasonable care.
Milk should be strained immediately after being drawn, and if intended for butter making, not be distributed until creamed.

The function of milk-giving is maternity, and the mother the world over needs shelter, warmth, comfort and kind treatment.

Cows should have an abundance of suitable food and pure water and salt kept where they can have ready access to it every day.

Make the most of the home these winter evenings, help the boys in their lessons; it will encourage them and perhaps sharpen you a bit.

Abundant food, a good stable, and protection from chilly winds and beating storms will prevent shrinkage of milk, and often show absolute gain in yield.

Have you stored your farming machinery so that hens will have a winter's job of painting it? It's a good plan to house the tools, but a bad one to make hen roosts of them.

It is "bad luck" to have a hired man that smokes the stables, or that sets the lantern down. A crotch from a limb will make a hook for the lantern to hang on.

In getting down hay or straw by lantern light, be sure the lantern is hung on a hook where there is no risk of knocking it over or off. It will not take sixty seconds to put up a hook.

Do you know what kind of culture your boy and girls are getting at school this winter. Visit it occasionally, get acquainted with the teacher, and find from the children what they learn. Don't neglect the school.

In a recent article of President Chamberlain, in his chronicles of a clay farm, he shows that each dollar's worth of superphosphates returned him two dollars' worth of wheat, with strong prospect of greatly increasing the clover and timothy for the coming year.

CLIPPINGS.

One Colorado county has 100 artesian wells.

Since 1851 3,276,103 persons have left Ireland.

Photographs on gravestones are the newest things projected.

In England about eighty-seven peers are directors of public companies.

It is said the tourist season brings \$20,000,000 yearly into Switzerland.

The roast beef of old England, or the best part of it, comes from America.

Stanley found Livingstone in Africa in the region of Lake Nyassa in October, 1871.

Chattanooga Tenn., has a project to erect a permanent cotton palace at a cost of \$250,000.

Medical students in London are compelled to go through a course of four year's study.

The average duration of life is greater in Norway than in any other country in Europe.

It is believed in Florida that rice culture is to become a profitable pursuit in that country.

A factory for extracting the juice of palmetto berries has been established at New Smyrna, Fla.

It requires \$13,000,000 more a year to run the city of New York than it does to run the city of London.

In Maine, it is said, all ponds over ten acres in extent are common for all purposes of hunting and fishing.

A Mexican millionaire named Terry now owns the fastest trotting horses in Paris, and promenades them daily.

The height of the volcano Popocatepetl in Mexico is given at 17,748 feet. Its crater is a mile wide and 1,000 feet deep.

Pearl fishing is still carried on in the River Tay, in England, and some valuable jewels have lately been found.

In the match in Baltimore, on Oct. 12, 1887, John Watkins, assisted by two off-bearers and a wheeler, made 922 bricks in 55 minutes.

A bird is one of the most wonderfully organized of all animals, and almost the whole of its organization is arranged to facilitate flight.

A project is on foot in Chicago to connect Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario by ship railway. The cost of the work is estimated at \$12,000,000.

A small estate in Lincolnshire, England, which sold for \$31,000 in 1870 and has since had \$2,000 put into additional buildings, brought \$10,500 last week.

In 1685, when the protestant chapel at Rochelle was condemned to be demolished, the bell thereof was publicly whipped for having assisted heretics with its tongue.

The total sum that annually reverts to the British crown by reason of the owners dying intestate without known heirs, illegitimate, lapsed legacies, etc., is about \$500,000.

In Habersham Park, Ga., is a curious grapevine. About five feet from the ground, from a large live oak, there protrudes a grapevine about one inch in diameter. The tree is perfectly solid and no roots to the grapevine can be seen.

It is not only poor men but some of the greatest men of the world whose lives have been made happier by the love of lower creatures. Sir Walter Scott, the great novelist, and Sir Edwin Landseer, the great painter—their whole lives were made happy by their love of dogs.

The Goose and the Turkey.

Here comes a writer who declares that although the turkey is the American fowl for the table (and ought perhaps to have been our national emblem instead of the eagle) the goose is considered superior by some, it being juicy and tender when young, albeit its flesh is dark. The dark color of the flesh has created a prejudice against it, but those who judge according to quality and not color will affirm that a young, fat goose is in no manner inferior to anything in the poultry yard.—[New York Witness.]

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moval from town has lessened our number of

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filled by others? Our little village is a home-

keeping community, now and then wending

its way to the Village Hall, still, with only the

very little of news to chronicle each week,

are any or all of us in these days, when every

small township supports its weekly paper,

willing to be left out in the cold and hang our

horns on the willows with no sound emanat-

ing from them? A local paper helps a village

to grow, providing of course it is well con-

ducted. The MINUTE-MAN is read by many

hundreds of miles from here, and we know of

some who are engaged in business, in remote

places, who speak with pleasure of hearing

from East Lexington each week. The number

of subscribers is no test of the number of

readers.

—With this first number of the new year

we cannot refrain (with all our glad wishes for

the future) from alluding to the changes in

our village since we commenced reporting for

this paper. There have been many deaths

and scarcely a week has passed without our

fulfilling the sad office of writing some words

of remembrance of those who have left us,

who may have died here or elsewhere. We

have had very few marriages to record with

words of congratulation, while the births have

been comparatively few.

—It is hard to tell which is the more en-

joyable, the good coasting of this week or the

good skating of last. The coasting can be

enjoyed even by the small children.

—How transforming to the whole form of

nature is the first down-right snow storm

of the season. Every uncouth and dis-

agreeable object is concealed and all is merry

with the glad music of the sleigh bells. After

all, one really enjoys the crisp air and the

cheerfulness of this cold winter better than

the two preceding ones:

—One could hardly experience a Rip Van

Winkle sleep the past week if they dwelt on

the main street. Blowing of horns, singing

and shouting seemed to be the programme

for the nights and these riders, well protected

from the stinging cold, have fine times.

Willard, with the other hotels, have had

plenty of sleighing parties to entertain.

—Tuesday evening Mr. Charles Spaulding

and Mr. Carlton Childs took a party of

twelve young people for a fine sleigh ride to

Medford. There was music in the air and

though the queen of the night kept her face

somewhat veiled there was too much bright-

ness to miss the light. Sleighbells impart

jollity even to older people much more to

young men and ladies who are on pleasure

rides. After their return they partook of an

oyster supper at Mr. J. F. Maynard's and the

cool air had well whetted their appetites and

they all did justice to the supper. With song

and music they almost bled, if not quite, a

farewell to the old year.

—Mr. Phillips, the carpenter, is moving

into part of Mr. Bradford Smith's house.

—We are sorry to hear of Mr. Nudd's sick-

ness but trust with care he will soon recover.

—Rev. Mr. Green, of the Divinity school,

preached last Sabbath. Subject of sermon,

"Kingdom of God"; text, Romans, 14: 17th

verse, "For the kingdom of God is not meat

and drink but righteousness and peace and

joy in the Holy Ghost."

—Town meeting next Monday afternoon.

While some of the statements in regard to

greater expense for the new Hancock school

house seems plausible, yet the main question

is, was not sufficient appropriation made in

the commencement for the building of a suit-

able school house for a town like Lexington

and will not any additional expenditure so in-

crease our taxes as to render our school house

an obstacle rather than a motive for people

to take up a permanent residence here?

—We have heard some quite severe com-

ments because many of our children were dis-

pleased that the "powers that be" did not

think it wise to extend the holiday vacation

another week, thus showing that the minds of

our youths are not on study bent, with all

their advantages. Apropos to this was the

short lecture which it is said was given by

Prof. Norton to the Harvard students on

account of the petition signed by 1,200 stu-

dents, asking the faculty to extend their re-

cess to Monday, Jan. 5th, which was refused.

Prof. Norton spoke of the pain it gave him to

see so little earnestness in the college work as

their petition manifested. You come to col-

lege for work and not for vacations thus an

attempt or wish to lengthen the time is un-

worthy of true men.

—The usual gospel meeting will be held

in the Village Hall, next Sunday, at 3:15 p.

m. The services will be under the charge of

Mr. C. B. Darling, with the subject "Follow

thou me." We trust that all who find it con-

venient will endeavor to be present and thus

lend to the general interest of the meeting.

—Mr. M. A. Pero, who was injured at the

burning of the Hancock school house, has

now returned from the hospital and is able to

work. He wishes us to express, through

these columns, his gratitude to the Adams

Engine Company for their great kindness to

him during his sickness. They deserve hearty

praise, as this is not the first instance of their

interest in their fellow men when in trou-

ble. They have shown the real spirit of the

Christmas season, and we are glad our

village has such a fire department. Self-

sacrifice and interest for others constitute the

true fireman.

—The C. E. societies from the centre came

down in the usual numbers last Sunday and

held a gospel service in the Village Hall.

The meeting, which was led by Mr. Clifford

Ashley, was one of unusual interest, the prin-

ciple features being the singing and the

promptness with which the young people gave

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No Man's Land.

When one speaks of "No Man's Land"

we generally presume that he refers to

that little neck of land in the Indian

territory, lying between Colorado and

Kansas on the north and Texas on the

south. But such is not always the case.

The original "No Man's Land" is a little

tongue of land extending a few miles

south of the Mason and Dixon line, be-

tween the states of Maryland and Dela-

ware. Every now and then somebody

starts the story that this tract is, prop-

erly speaking, part of no state, literally

out of the jurisdiction of the United

States; that it is one of the left over

pieces of the whole country, wherein no

one owns the ground upon which he

lives. On the maps the ground is cred-

ited to Pennsylvania, but, according to

these same authorities, the claim is a

shadowy one.

This triangular bit of territory was

marked off in a curious way. The eastern

boundary of Maryland was early de-

termined, but the southern boundary of

Pennsylvania was long a matter of dis-

pute. Finally Mason and Dixon began

their work at the eastern boundary of

Maryland, and proceeded westward,

while the northern boundary of Delaware

was declared to be a semi-circle, whose

center was New Castle. In surveying

the semi-circle it was found that the cir-

cumference did not touch the boundary

of Maryland at its junction with the

Pennsylvania line, thus giving rise to

this triangular bit of land, which has

been discarded by the three states and

only allowed to attach itself to Pennsylv-